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AFGHANISTAN STUN ENGLAND IN CT

Afghanistan beat England by eight runs in their Champions Trophy match in Lahore on Wednesday. Ibrahim Zadran's 177 helped team to reach a formidable 325 for 7. Despite Joe Root's 120, England failed to overhaul the target. England are out of the competition, while Afghanistan need to win against Australia to qualify for KOs | AFP | P15

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TERRORISTS ATTACK ARMY VEHICLE IN RAJOURI, SEARCH OP UNDERWAY

The incident took place at village near the LoC on Wednesday, officials said, adding there were no casualties near Phal village in Sunderbani sector.

'TERRORISTS MAY HAVE INFILTRATED RECENTLY'

"It is suspected that the terrorists, who may have infiltrated recently, might have fired on the Army vehicle," officials said, adding that the Army men retaliated and also fired some rounds. After firing on the vehicle, the Army launched a search operation in the area. Additional troops were also rushed to the area to tighten the siege and assist in the search operation.

5 DAYS AFTER INDIA, PAK FLAG MARCH

- The firing took place five days after Indian and Pakistani military officials held a flag meeting at the LoC in Chakan Da Bagh in J&K's Poonch district to reduce the border tension
- The flag meeting was held after recent ceasefire violations by Pakistani troops along the LoC in Poonch and Rajouri districts

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CHINAR TREES BEING ALLEGEDLY FELLED, CAUSING MASSIVE OUTRAGE IN ANANTNAG

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Don moots 'gold card' US visas to replace EB-5

Pay $5 mn to get US residency and pathway to citizenship; blow to green card aspirants

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US President Donald Trump on Tuesday decided to scrap the EB-5 immigrant investor visa programme and replace it with a new category called 'gold card' visa. This could be bad news for Indian investors and professionals awaiting green cards as only the ultra-rich will be able to afford the gold card.

This is a gold card, which will give you green card privileges... it's going to be a route to citizenship

Donald Trump

Under the new scheme, wealthy foreigners willing to fork out $5 million will get US residency and a direct path to citizenship. This is a five-fold jump from the investment requirement of $1,050,000 under EB-5. While EB-5 requires creation of at least 10 full-time jobs for American workers, Trump did not mention any such requirement for the gold card.

The development comes at a time when many Indians started seeing the EB-5 visa as an alternative to H-1B visas. Somdutta Singh, founder and CEO of Assiduus Global, said unlike EB-5, the gold card does not require the investors to create jobs as it focuses purely on financial investment.

Wealthy Indians could benefit from expedited residency. However, working professionals may not be able to afford it.

On the flip side, the financial commitment is huge even if the employment creation requirement is waived, says Dhaval Jariwala, partner in chartered accountants firm PNDJ & Associates.

"As of December 2024, approximately 2,34,000 employment-based adjustment applications are pending, and with an annual per-country cap of about 25,620 visas, many Indian professionals face decades-long waits. The gold card, focused exclusively on wealth rather than employment or skills, doesn't ease this backlog but offers a quicker alternative pathway for wealthy investors," said Somdutta Singh of Assiduus.

Experts say this could potentially widen the gap between affluent and skilled immigrants, influencing the broader Indian-American community dynamics. P9

Not cozying up to BJP, I am a Congressman by birth: DKS

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KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has dismissed claims that he is aligning with BJP and termed them a malicious propaganda.

"I am a Congressman by birth and I stand by my beliefs. A false narrative is being spread that I am moving closer to BJP," he told reporters here on Wednesday.

About his meeting with AICC general secretary KC Venugopal, he clarified that he did not put forth a request to continue him as KPCC president. "This is fabricated news," he said.

Referring to his association with religious events, Shivakumar dismissed the allegation that his participation in the Isha Foundation's programmes indicated a shift towards BJP. "I respect all religions. The Congress ideology embraces inclusivity, as seen through the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, and Indira Gandhi. Sonia Gandhi celebrates Ugadi," he said.

Criticising BJP for its protests against his ambitious tunnel road project in Bengaluru, Shivakumar said, "When KJ George proposed a steel bridge earlier, the BJP opposed it. Now, it is protesting against the tunnel road project. It is not possible to fix Bengaluru's traffic issues in a year or two. We need long-term solutions. We are planning 160 km of flyovers and 300 km of roads."

DyCM DK Shivakumar at the Isha Foundation in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on Wednesday | x

Defending the state government's infrastructure plans, he said Bengaluru's rapid expansion requires strategic planning. Bengaluru would not have faced traffic issues if double-decker flyovers were built earlier. All future metro projects will have double-decker flyovers. "We are working on the 'Beyond Bengaluru' concept to ease urban pressure," he added.

Referring to JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy's opposition to splitting BBMP into many corporations, he said it is inevitable for Bengaluru. "Kumaraswamy is just playing politics. Bengaluru is not limited just to Vidhana Soudha and surrounding areas," he said.

On businessman Mohandas Pai's remarks, Shivakumar said, "If he wants to contribute, let him enter politics and understand the challenges firsthand."

On Congress leadership, Shivakumar reaffirmed his allegiance to the party and its collective decision-making process. "The party nurtured me for years. I will work under its leadership, and we will move forward together. AICC office is my temple. My focus remains on strengthening the party and developing Karnataka," he said.

DKS, NEW FACE OF CONG'S SOFT HINDUTVA?: P6

FINAL HOLY DIP

A devotee prays after taking a holy dip at the Sangam on the occasion of Mahashivaratri in Prayagraj on Wednesday, the final day of the Maha Kumbh | PTI

FILES AFFIDAVIT IN SC

Govt draws turf line on banning convicted MPs

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

The Centre on Wednesday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court opposing the demand for lifetime ban on convicted MPs/MLAs from contesting polls, saying the "issue falls within legislative policy of parliament and not courts".

The reply came after the SC sought the views of the government and the Election Commission on a PIL. The court will hear the plea on March 4.

The Centre said, the existing laws are constitutionally sound and do not suffer from vice of excess delegation. A lifetime disqualification is "certainly within the power of Parliament, and not of courts," the government said.

"As a matter of judicial review, the court can declare the provisions to be unconstitutional and declare them to be inoperative, however, the relief that the petitioner is seeking amounts to re-writing of the provision as it effectively seeks to read life-long, instead of six years, in all sub-sections of section 8 of Representation of the People Act, 1951," the government said in its affidavit.

VIJAY
SLAMS BJP AND DMK

On TVK's anniversary, actor-founder Vijay blasted BJP and DMK for waging a hashtag war and trivialising the serious issue of 'language imposition' | P7

Yellow alert sounded as heatwave sweeps coastal Karnataka districts

VINCENT D'SOUZA
@ Mangaluru

WITH several parts of coastal Karnataka recording a maximum temperature of 37 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for heatwave for two days till Thursday.

Similar conditions may prevail till March 3. "Heatwave conditions are likely to prevail in coastal Karnataka for the next two days. Relative humidity will be between 40 and 50% and the maximum air temperature between 37 and 39 degrees Celsius. Hot and humid conditions are likely to prevail over Uttara Kannada for the next three days," according to IMD.

Hot and humid conditions in Mangaluru city and other parts of coastal Karnataka forced people to remain indoors on Wednesday. Unlike previous years, there was not much rush of devotees at temples in Mangaluru, Udupi and other places on account of Mahashivarathri. The otherwise busy streets and playgrounds in Mangaluru and other cities wore a deserted look.

The Dakshina Kannada District Disaster Management Authority has appealed to people not to expose themselves to direct sunlight and instead stay in cool places. It has also appealed to people not to step out without an umbrella and wear only cotton clothes, and hydrate themselves with water and buttermilk.

An advisory from the authority stated that people affected by heatwave conditions should be given first aid and moved to cooler places.

Plan ready to bring out trapped workers in 2 days: TG minister

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@ Hyderabad

DESPITE rescue teams making little headway in their efforts to save the eight workers trapped in the collapsed Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel, Telangana Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday, five days since the accident, declared that a concrete plan of action is ready to bring out the workers within two days.

The Marine Commando Force (MARCOS) of the Indian Navy and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) have been deployed to rescue the workers. The officials started using high-resolution cameras, which can function in near-total darkness, the minister said.

He disclosed that the teams have been instructed to integrate global best practices in tunnel rescue operations, ensuring that the trapped workers could be reached in the shortest possible time. Efforts were also being made to provide oxygen and other essential life-support resources inside the tunnel, Uttam added. After a review meeting, the minister said that the services of tunnel experts of the Border Security Force were being availed. "Implementation of our action plan to rescue the trapped workers within two days started today," Uttam said. He said that advanced technology and engineering experts were pressed into service.

The workers were trapped in the tunnel at 8.30 am on Saturday. Besides the 11 agencies, including the Army, Navy and NDRF, the officials have also engaged rat-hole miners, but to little avail. Uttam explained that the slush and water would be pumped first to enable the rescue teams to reach the tunnel boring machine (TBM). The shattered tail of the TBM would be removed using cutters. This is expected to make further progress easier.

The Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) project site where a portion of the tunnel collpased, in Nagarkurnool district of Telangana | PTI

EXPRESS READ

'No south state will lose seats due to delimitation'

Coimbatore: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday assured the southern states that they will not lose even a "single parliamentary seat" due to delimitation and accused Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin of spreading "misinformation" on the issue | P7

Nitish inducts 7 new ministers, all from BJP

Patna: With less than a year left for assembly polls, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar Wednesday inducted seven new faces into his cabinet, all from alliance partner BJP. The expansion raises total number of ministers to 36, the maximum permissible in the state with a 243-strong assembly | P10

Pai attacking Cong govt eyeing RS seat: Priyank

Bengaluru: IT-BT & RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge has slammed former Infosys CFO T V Mohandas Pai for targeting Karnataka government over various issues without "rhyme or reason". He said Pai has been making allegations with an eye on getting nominated to Rajya Sabha by Prime Minister Narendra Modi | P6

Mekedatu: Take clear stand, DKS tells Centre

Bengaluru: DyCM DK Shivakumar has urged the Centre to clarify its stance on the Mekedatu project and approve irrigation projects worth Rs 11,000 crore in Karnataka. Shivakumar, who also holds the water resources portfolio, said he raised these issues during a meeting with Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil in Udaipur, Rajasthan | P6

RELYING ON SUN

RDPR facing high power bills delivers plan to generate 3k MW solar power in state's rural areas

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

INABILITY of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) department to pay Rs 22 crore per annum bills raised by electricity supply companies, has given birth to a plan aiming at generating 3,000 MW of solar power using rural areas.

RDPR officials and those from Energy department are in a series of talks to generate a total of 3,000 MW of solar power utilizing rural areas in 29 of the 31 districts of Karnataka. Due to difficulties in installing solar power infrastructure in rain-fed districts of Kodagu and Chikkmagalur, solar panels meant for these two districts will be installed in their neighbouring districts, officials privy to the talks told The New Indian Express.

A senior official from the Energy department said the RDPR was unable to make payments of Rs 22 crore per annum to energy supply companies due to insufficient state finance scheme grants. They have been able to pay only about Rs 4 crore to Rs 5 crore annually. "Power consumption and power generation cost is increasing annually. To address this problem, solarisation of rural areas has been found to be the ideal solution," said a senior official from the energy department, requesting not to be named.

"Now the plan is to set up solar panels for at least 120-125 MW in rural areas of each of the 29 districts to generate power to make them energy independent and self-sufficient. An initial target of an installed capacity of at least 3,000 MW is planned. Each of these will be similar to the Pavagada solar plant, but on a smaller scale," one of the officials said. "We want to decentralise power generation and maintenance. Of all the districts, installation of solar panels is difficult in rain-fed regions like Kodagu and Chikmagalur. So a plan has been drawn for their solar panels to be installed in neighbouring districts."

Explaining how it will work, an RDPR official said solar power generated through the installed panels will be used in government offices, educational and health institutions. For street lights, roads and other public utilities, smaller independent solar panels will be installed. "The power generated will be used locally and bills will be managed locally. Additional amounts will be borne by the RDPR, reducing the dues to the ESCOMs," the official said.

In the proposal, the method of power utilisation and sale of surplus power to the grid for profit is similar to what is offered in the solar rooftop power generation policy to ensure electricity bills are zero.

Officials of the two departments have also held talks with the finance department officials on procuring solar panels, and a proposal has been made before Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for approval. This is being looked at as an extension of the various Central and state government's schemes on solar power generation.

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FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 06.36 am
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Moonrise 06.00 am
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OWNERS REFUSE TO GIVE UP LAND, STALL CIRCULAR RAIL SURVEY

Final Location Survey, DPR completed for only one out of seven corridors of project

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

RAILWAY officials from South Western Railway, conducting survey work for the Rs 23,000-crore Circular Railway network around Bengaluru are encountering stiff opposition from landowners. This resistance is significantly delaying the Final Location Survey (FLS), forcing officials to revisit the same location repeatedly, said railway officials.

The FLS involves narrowing down the exact locations of a project with a detailed break up of the total area required for the project and the number of properties that need to be acquired. It gives the alignment, the latitude and longitudes of any specific location and the grade.

Presently, the FLS and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) have been completed for only one out of seven corridors of this 287-km project, aimed at decongesting Bengaluru rail traffic. When it was submitted to the Railway Board for approval recently, it returned the file and asked the Division to first complete the survey for all the corridors.

The corridor from Devanahalli to Oddarahalli running to 28.5 km is ready. Surveyors are presently carrying out surveys for these six stretches: Nidavanada-Oddarahalli (40.3 km); Devanahalli-Malur (46.5 km); Malur-Heelalige (52 km); Heelalige-Hejjala (42 km) Hejjala-Solur (43.5 km) and Solur-Nidavanada (34.2 km).

A senior railway official stated, "Surveyors on the field often face resistance from property owners who refuse to allow them access. Many are unwilling to part with their land, making it difficult for us to proceed. Hence, they refuse to allow Railway staff to enter their premises." The staff are later forced to visit the locations where they face resistance by accompanying the local police and the Railway Protection Force, he said. "A common request from landowners is to spare their property and use their neighbour's land instead," he added.

The survey work is being carried out simultaneously along the stretches of all the corridors. However, due to delays created by owners, the survey would be delayed by a month. "It will be completed by April or May. The FLS for the full project will be submitted to the Railway Board. If approved, we would get the sanction for the project. The DPR will be done for these six corridors next," another official said.

A NIGHT OF DEVOTION

Mahashivaratri celebrations at The Art of Living International Centre took on a spiritual fervor, bringing millions of devotees across 180 countries to Bengaluru on Wednesday. Union Minister of State for Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal was also present | EXPRESS

'Zero Bacteria' to improve treated water

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@ Bengaluru

BANGALORE Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has taken steps to adopt 'Zero Bacteria' technology developed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to enhance the quality of treated water in apartments' sewage treatment plants (STPs), announced BWSSB chairman Ram Prasath Manohar.

He was speaking at the 'IGSTC Bilateral Workshop 2025 Inter-Disciplinary Approach to Sustainable Habitat Using AI-ML Tools: Water & Wastewater Management, Air Quality, Energy Systems, Material Selection, Agricultural Practices with Law and Policy' organised here by the Indo-German Science and Technology Centre.

Highlighting the efforts to promote sustainable groundwater management in Bengaluru, he said 60 lakh litres of treated water is being supplied daily to IT parks for use in air conditioning systems.

"A task force of scientists from IISc, the Central Groundwater Authority, and BWSSB has been formed to monitor borewells in the city. Advanced artificial intelligence technology is being used to prevent misuse of groundwater, assess current levels of groundwater, and develop strategies for efficient utilisation of water during summer," he said.

Bengaluru's apartments generate significant quantities of wastewater. Most of them now have STPs in view of the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) order. Treated water from these plants is used for gardening and cleaning purposes. Some apartments even sell it. However, some developers, through CREDAI, have raised concerns over the quality of treated water.

"To address these concerns, BWSSB is considering adoption of 'Zero Bacteria' technology, which will help in enhancing the quality of water. This technology will also help people use treated water for various purposes," he said. He urged the scientific community to come up with solutions for wastewater treatment and supply of clean and safe drinking water, he said.

Girinath's hearing extension aids illegal constructions in city

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@Bengaluru

CIVIC activists and residents have criticised Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath for his alleged inaction against developers constructing illegal buildings across Bengaluru. They accuse him of allowing violators to complete their projects unchecked, despite clear violations of building norms.

One such case has surfaced in Seegehalli, where a building owned by Jayaram Naidu was allegedly constructed without any sanctioned plan or approvals. Activists claim that instead of taking action, BBMP authorities gave Naidu ample time to finish the illegal construction. This is not Naidu's first instance of flouting regulations. According to residents, he has previously built two other unauthorised structures that have received notices from BBMP.

Residents of SS Layout in Seegehalli of Basavanapura Ward in KR Puram, allege that the Chief Commissioner delayed hearings for 106 days, postponing them at least four times, which ultimately enabled Naidu to complete the construction of his illegal building on Sai Mandir Road.

"Violators are required to maintain the status quo and halt construction once a notice is issued. However, in the Mahadevapura BBMP zone, developers seem to operate without any fear of the Commissioner or his orders," said Sandeep Anirudhan, a civic activist, who is also a resident of Mahadevapura zone. "The top official does not seem to be taking any action against negligent officials," he added.

Residents highlight the case of Appeal Number 285/2024, involving the controversial Seegehalli building, where BBMP repeatedly postponed hearing- from November 30, 2024 to December 7, then from December 21 to February 1, and again from February 15 to March 15.

A senior official from BBMP's legal department noted that, previously, citizens had to represent BBMP in court on such matters. However, following a High Court directive, the Chief Commissioner is now responsible for hearing cases and passing final orders. "One of the main reasons illegal buildings are not razed is the lack of cooperation and support from ward engineers. If the Chief Commissioner suspends five to six ward engineers across different zones, we might finally see some change," the official stated. BBMP has also issued notices to Naidu's other projects in the same locality- Building No 17 and 18, which reportedly has 46 flats, including a penthouse, across six floors, allegedly violating multiple building bylaws.

White-topping work hits biz on Commercial Street

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MAIN Guard Cross Road, a crucial link between Bowring Hospital Road and Infantry Road in Shivajinagar, has become a major headache for traders and motorists due to the slow progress of white-topping work by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP's). The public has complained that work is dragging on at snail's pace, inconveniencing them.

Traders along the stretch, which also connects Commercial Street and other busy roads, say the dust and rising temperature have further deterred customers from visiting the area. "Parking is not allowed due to the ongoing white topping work, and increased traffic congestion is making matters worse. Vehicles that were supposed to be diverted to Cubbon Road are also entering Main Guard Cross Road to reach Wheeler Road, Banaswadi and other areas. This has led to a dip in customer footfall," said a shopkeeper at Safina Plaza.

Echoing this, Mayank Rohatgi from Commercial Street Association stated that there is a 20 per cent dip in business, compared to the normal season. "Customers are worried about getting stuck in traffic, and many decide at the last minute to shop elsewhere instead of coming to Commercial Street," said Rohatgi.

To ensure regular customers and staff are not inconvenienced, a popular jewellery store on the stretch has made alternative arrangements.

"For the benefit of customers, alternative route maps have been shared via WhatsApp. We pick up customers and bring them to the shop and offer refreshments. This is done to ensure they are not inconvenienced," said a staffer at the jewellery store.

CHILD RIGHTS BODY WRITES TO DR G ON SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the incident in Mandya district, where two students were injured in a minor country bomb blast, the Karnataka Child Rights Observatory (KCRO) has written to Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, raising serious concerns about child safety in schools.

The incident took place on February 23 at Anjaneya Hill in Kambadahalli, Nagamangala taluk, when students from a Jain mutt school were taken to clear a heap of waste on a concrete road. The association has called for a detailed investigation by the Karnataka State Child Rights Protection Commission, the District Child Protection Committee and District Child Welfare Committee, to find out how the incident happened and who is responsible. The organisation has also demanded immediate financial support for the injured children's treatment and arrangements to ensure they can write their exams without difficulty.

The incident, KCRO argued, highlighted major failures in ensuring children's safety, with the association questioning why students were sent to a remote and risky location without proper precautions.

The organization pointed out that it is the responsibility of local authorities to ensure such areas are free from danger. Yet, students were led to an inaccessible hilly region, known to have wild animals, for cleaning. KCRO asked why the school chose such a place, whether proper permissions were obtained, and if the area was checked for safety before sending the children there. It also questioned whether parents were informed and their consent was taken. Another major concern raised is why Class 10 students were given such tasks when they should be preparing for their exams.

The letter also questioned what kind of support was being provided to the injured students, who is paying for their medical treatment, and what will happen if their injuries prevent them from writing exams. The organization reminded the government that in 2016, Karnataka introduced child protection rules requiring every school to have a child protection policy. However, enforcement remains weak, and many schools lack proper measures to keep children safe.

EXPRESS READ

Dog's day out

Bengaluru: An auto driver in Bengaluru, travelling with his pet dog Jackie, has captured the hearts of netizens. A video of their adorable companionship, shared on X, has gone viral, drawing widespread admiration. Many users are praising the driver for his unique bond with Jackie, calling it a heartwarming sight on the city's streets.

Line block delays four trains on Mys-B'luru route

Bengaluru: An unscheduled line block by the Bengaluru Railway Division which overshot the completion schedule delayed four trains from Mysuru towards Bengaluru on Wednesday. The delay ranged from 53 minutes to two hours. Divisional Railway Manager told TNIE, "The line block, which began at 3.40 pm, could not be completed on time. Hence, four trains had to be detained at Nayandahalli station. However, operations resumed before 5 pm. Among the trains delayed was the Shatabdi Express (12008), which was supposed to reach Bengaluru at 4.10 pm. Public Relations Officer of the Bengaluru Division said, "The Shatabdi was delayed by 60 minutes, the Mysuru-Bagalkot Basava Express by 53 minutes, Mysuru-Bengaluru Rajya Rani Express by 58 minutes and Mysuru Tiruvananthapuram-North by 120 minutes."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th February : It's a true Cancerian day. By that, I mean that all of us can do better if we take on some of the finer qualities of this wonderful zodiac sign. Whatever your own horoscope says, be faithful to your friends, loyal to your principles and aim for practical benefits from all your actions. That's the way to success.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A crop of emotional and contrary planetary alignments culminates in one that is optimistic and hopeful of better times to come. The best thing you can do is sit down and talk to a child, or to a younger person who needs your understanding - and can offer you inspiration.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Every astrological pattern requires careful handling and right now you need to give family gatherings and domestic duties just a little more of your valuable attention. And remember that old saying: if a job's worth doing, it's worth doing yourself!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You will be aware that it's important to be more business like, partly because some of your planets are encouraging you to be rather careless and lazy. In fact, to be totally down-to-earth, cash issues will come to dominate. It may even be time for a well-deserved bout of extravagance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You are known for your soft heart and ability to endure all manner of insults. However, if money or material security is involved, the worm is about to turn, so those who are in your debt had better pay up. Actually, there'll be times when all you need is a vote of thanks - and buckets of appreciation!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You will now be able to judge if a gamble has paid off. If you lost out, don't regard it all as wasted effort, for at least your options have been clarified. You'll have a better idea of what to do next time round. Plus, of course, you will be able to help somebody else out of a tight spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's unclear whether a recent emotional outburst occurred at work or home. It's pretty certain it didn't involve friends, though. In any event, whatever happened in the past, today is a time for principled decisions. Only the very highest standards will do.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Let's get down to brass tacks: this looks like an ideal time to exercise your legendary interior design qualities. If you put your mind to it, you can create a much more pleasing personal environment - and you also have a truly wonderful ability to make practical use of a partner's vague ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's a clear pattern to the day, with financial pressures coming from one direction, emotional ones from another. You may spend some time dealing with shopping, investments and other little deals, but it's your heart which really keeps you going - and the desire to make someone else happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The fact is that even if you don't like what other people say it's probably true. Or, at least partly true. So listen carefully and decide what is right and useful for you. Also, deal with emotional issues as soon as you can. Otherwise a partner may get the idea that you don't care about them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You will be ruled by your heart rather than your head. In fact, I would go so far as to say that's a good thing! Just make sure that the emotions you express are full of compassion and care for others. That way you're likely to meet with a much more willing response.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
By the time evening falls, you will be keeping something important to yourself. Regardless of past emotional tangles, confidences must be respected, so don't reveal partners' thoughts and feelings until they give you the go-ahead. And try trusting a colleague's instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may broaden your horizons and put your ambitions into practice. Don't be afraid to take on more than you can cope with, as once your responsibilities are defined and your affairs settled, you'll be able to drop one or two surplus commitments.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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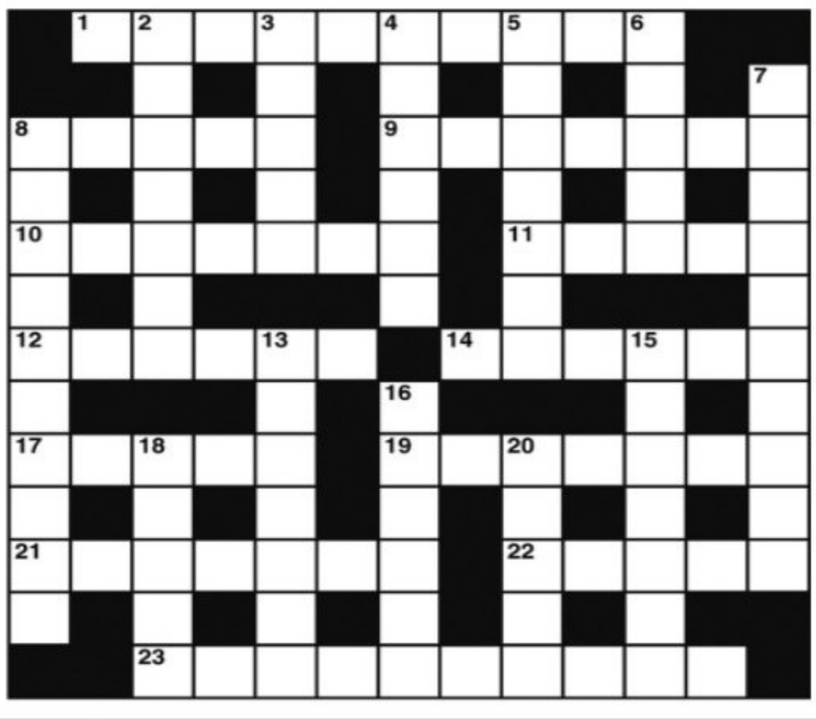

CROSS WORD

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1 A prison camp child growing up (10)
8 The doctor's behind with a banker's order (5)
9 Given a change of plea, men select a jury (7)
10 Work for Labour for example (7)
11 Being stupid I omit to include a phrase (5)
12 Take off pounds of either kind (6)
14 It takes great effort to produce such a tune (6)
17 Tricky brainteaser losing entire Iraqi city (5)
19 Country starts making elaborate rococo leather (7)
21 Possibly hear out US writer (7)
22 Examines samples (5)
23 Farmers who are also compatriots (10)

DOWN
2 Given instruction in trade organisation (7)
3 Roman extract of platinum (5)
4 They won't throw much light on the subject (6)
5 I'm the type to stamp something out (7)
6 Boredom in endless night in France (5)
7 They fly some flag in trouble (10)
8 Share out is tried but as an alternative (10)
13 In heraldry it may be old hat (7)
15 Attribute to fractured rib case (7)
16 Be equivalent to a horse for instance (6)
18 Cot is made up for one patient (5)
20 Unkempt Wind in the Willows character (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Encore, 4 Course, 9 Poor box, 10 Nepal, 11 Royal, 12 Old-time, 13 Break the law, 18 Slither, 20 Teach, 22 Erica, 23 Dangers, 24 Pagoda, 25 Handel.

Down: 1 Empire, 2 Crony, 3 Rubella, 5 Owned, 6 Replica, 7 Eileen, 8 Export trade, 14 Raiding, 15 Estonia, 16 Asleep, 17 Chisel, 19 Heard, 21 Ahead.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Everything looks wonderful!
I've had a lot of experience getting it right.
WHEN IT COMES TO GIVING LAWNS MORNING MOISTURE, MOTHER NATURE TRIES TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOOSE GUARD ATTEST BECOME
Answer: Choosing a major and graduating from college improves job prospects — TO SOME DEGREE

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A court in Shivamogga sentenced a 19-year-old man from Bhadravathi to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 2.01 lakh for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl in 2022. The case was registered at Bhadravathi New Town police station. The accused was booked the accused under the POCSO Act and IPC

HC: No sanction in law to withhold entire pension

Directs Ministry of Finance to pay full pension and gratuity to septuagenarian

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RULING that imposing a penalty of withholding 100 per cent pension and gratuity on a permanent basis, based on the advice of the disciplinary authority, has no sanction in law, the Karnataka High Court directed the central government's Ministry of Finance to pay the entire pension that was withheld and full gratuity to a septuagenarian.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing the petition filed by Hanumanth N Karkun (73) from Dharwad, a cancer patient, against the arbitrary action of the finance ministry.

The petitioner was working as superintendent in the officer of the Commissioner of Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax, in Hubballi. He was caught with a certain amount of money which he found on his table in 2011, and faced criminal charges. Later, the case was transferred to CBI which filed a chargesheet in 2013, while the petitioner had retired on January 31, 2012.

The inquiry officer exonerated him, but based on the advice of the Union Public Service Commission, the impugned order of withholding pension and gratuity was passed on February 6, 2023.

Against this, Karkun filed an appeal before the Appellate Authority. Meanwhile, he was acquitted of offences charged by the CBI. He moved the high court, owing to his advancing age and the fact that he had been acquitted in the criminal case. Karkun's counsel contended that the penalty is impermissible under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, or even under Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, and the petitioner has no money for his cancer treatment.

Counsel for the ministry submitted that the appeal filed by the petitioner is pending and he should await the outcome of the decision of the Appellate Authority.

Rejecting it, the high court said the petitioner is now 73 years old. He has not seen his terminal benefits, despite his retirement 13 years ago, and was left bleeding by the impugned penalty, which is worse than dismissal. There is no question of sending the petitioner back to the doors of the Appellate Authority, the court said.

Quashing the ministry's order dated February 6, 2023, the court said the petitioner is entitled to all benefits, including entire pension and gratuity, that would flow from this order. In the event that the ministry does not disburse the terminal benefits, the petitioner becomes entitled to interest at 6 per cent per annum, from the date of superannuation till the date of payment. Pension should be paid as directed, and not drive a septuagenarian to this court yet again, the court said.

THAT STIFLING FEELING

As the mercury spikes in the city even before the onset of summer, students find recourse under an umbrella. The IMD has issued a heat wave alert for most parts of coastal Karnataka and asked citizens to be cautious in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

City club suspends member for objecting to smoking

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IN what appears to be a flagrant violation of the Karnataka Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Health of Non-smokers Act, 2001, Indian Gymkhana Club, established in 1932, has turned into a free-for-all smoking haven.

The club on Wheeler Road, meant for recreational activities and social interaction, has now become a hazy battleground where non-smokers struggle for their fundamental right to breathe clean air.

Gul Mohammed Akbar, a member of the club, marathoner and race director of marathons, was recently suspended for raising his voice against smoking.

A few members told *TNIE* that the club has no designated smoking zones. "Every table has a cigarette ashtray! Is this not a clear invitation, even an outright endorsement of smoking?" one of them said.

With no restrictions or physical barriers in place, cigarette smoke wafts into family sections, causing inconvenience to women and children. A woman member said, "My children and I are forced to endure this hardship. Cigarette smoke seeps into every corner and there is no escape!"

Smokers are seen lighting up cigarettes near the kitchen, close to highly combustible material such as gas cylinders and oil. Some even display a devil-may-care attitude by throwing half-smoked cigarettes on the floor, leaving the area vulnerable to fire hazards. Shockingly, there are no fire extinguishers in the club or no safety warnings.

Club president Venkateshappa said, "We have done all that needs to be done. I invite you to the club and you can see for yourself. We have displayed no-smoking boards and even set up an AC non-smokers' room."

But some non-smokers said, "At Indian Gymkhana Club, the only thing clearer than the health hazards is the administration's complete disregard for law."

EXPRESS READ

Cops nab accused who killed retired teacher after two years

The Vidyaranyapura police have nabbed a man, who is an accused in the murder of a 68-year-old retired teacher, after being on the run for two-and-a-half years. The arrested, Irfan of Andhra Pradesh, was involved in the killing of S Prasanna Kumari in her Vidyaranyapura residence on September 8, 2022. Her neighbour, T Nagendra, and his two accomplices hatched a plot to rob Kumari. During the robbery, the accused strangled her to death. The police had previously arrested Nagendra and K Ramaraju, while Irfan had absconded. Recently, the police learned that he was holed up in Chittoor and arrested him. Irfan did not own a house and frequently changed his location. He has been sent to judicial custody. ENS

Man slashes woman's ear for not giving money

The Kothanuru police arrested a man who slashed a woman's left ear and hurt her cheek with a knife after she refused to give him money for alcohol. The incident took place near the Bileshivale bus station on February 24. The accused has been identified as Anand. The police said, the victim, Nagalakshmi, was sitting at the bus stand around 4 pm on Monday, waiting to head toward KR Puram. Anand, who was drunk, saw Nagalakshmi counting money and approached her, asking for money to buy alcohol. When she refused, he left, brought a knife, and returned to demand money again. After she refused a second time, he slashed her left ear and cheek with the knife before fleeing the scene. ENS

Massive fire breaks out in Ramanagara factory

A massive fire broke out in a gum factory in the industrial area of Harohalli near Kanakapura Road in Ramanagara district on Wednesday evening. As it was a festival day, no employees were working in the factory. The police said that no casualties were reported in the incident. With the fire spreading across the factory, fire and emergency services had a tough time dousing it. The exact reason for the fire is yet to be ascertained. ENS

Man kills wife as son watches TV, hangs self

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A man who tortured his wife over their sex life, smothered her on Wednesday morning at their house and later hanged himself in the Byadarahalli police station limits.

The deceased are Suresh (40), an autorickshaw driver, and Mamatha J (33), a homemaker and resident of Tigalarapalya main road.

Mamatha's mother Rukmini told reporters that Suresh was a distant relative who married Mamatha 14 years ago, and they had two children. The couple frequently argued over their sex life, and Suresh forced Mamatha to watch pornography on his mobile phone. Mamatha had recently complained about his behaviour to her family, and decided to divorce him. She also filed a complaint with the Women's Police Station, and police also advised her to separate from him.

Byadarahalli police said Suresh frequently fought with Mamatha and didn't take on any household responsibilities. Despite several warnings from family members, he continued to quarrel with her. On Monday (February 24), Suresh's father tried to resolve the disputes between the couple. However, that night, Suresh left the house and did not return.

Around 11 am Wednesday, he returned home, had a heated argument with Mamatha, and smothered her while their elder son was watching TV. Later, he ended his life by hanging himself from the ceiling fan using a saree. His son alerted his grandmother. Police have registered a case.

Leader of Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led state government, saying, "Its sins have piled up, and it is on the verge of collapse -- if not today, then tomorrow."

DKS, NEW FACE OF CONG'S SOFT HINDUTVA?

Intense speculation over him, Amit Shah attending Isha Foundation Shivaratri celebrations

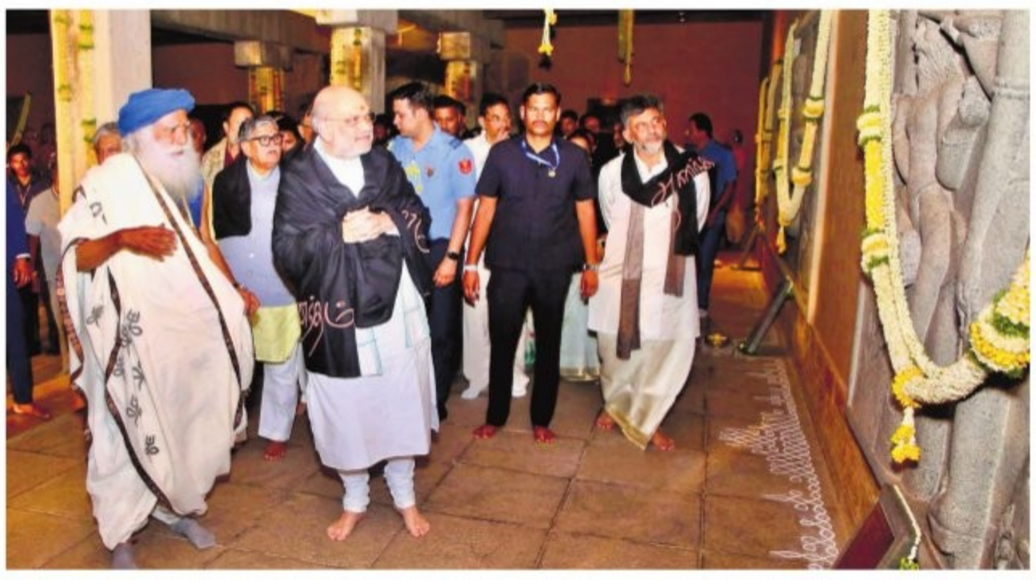
BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IS Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar emerging as Congress' new Hindutva icon? His visit to Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev's Isha Yoga Centre for Mahashivratri celebrations in Coimbatore, alongside Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has ignited a political debate.

On Wednesday evening, Shivakumar alighted from a helicopter in Coimbatore and was warmly received by a representative of the Isha Foundation, who wrapped a saffron shawl around his shoulders and welcomed him.

As the grand spiritual event unfolds at the Isha Centre, known for its seamless fusion of tradition and contemporary spiritual discourse, Shivakumar's presence is being dissected for its political undertones. The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president's participation follows a series of religious engagements, reinforcing speculation that Congress is adopting a soft Hindutva strategy.

Shivakumar's religious outreach has been increasingly pronounced. From taking a holy dip in Prayagraj to performing an elaborate Lingabhisheka at Belagavi's revered Kapileshwar temple, where he offered 111 litres of milk to the Shivalinga, his temple visits now appear to surpass even those of BJP leaders. Yet, when questioned, Shivakumar remains unfazed. "I am a Hindu, I will die a Hindu. Yet, I respect all religions," he declared on Mahashivratri, brushing aside suggestions of political posturing.



Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev and others at the Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore on Mahashivaratri on Wednesday evening | x

This strategic religious engagement stands in stark contrast to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's unwavering secular approach. While Siddaramaiah has consistently rejected BJP's overt religious narrative, Shivakumar's public temple visits signal a potential ideological shift within sections of Congress.

With Karnataka being a key political battleground, Congress' internal ideological tussle between staunch secularism and religious outreach could shape its electoral future. A senior Congress leader candidly admitted, "The Hindu voter of Congress likes all this and that is why DKS does it."

He is expected to participate in the inauguration of the Basava Mandira at the Taralabalu Mutt on March 1 in Bengaluru and the religious Prathistapana programme of a Marigudi temple in Kaup on March 2.

Political analyst Prof Kiran Gajanur of Central University of Karnataka said, "Private religious observance is one thing, but when a leader of a liberal party publicly participates in religious programmes under the media spotlight, it sends a message. For a party that traditionally distances itself from religious posturing, this is a significant shift."

On Shivakumar and Shah attending the Isha Foundation celebrations, political analyst BS Murthy said, "If they manage even a brief private interaction — away from the prying eyes of their entourages — it is certain to fuel even more intense theories. Coincidence or calculated optics? Either way, the political landscape in Karnataka is buzzing with anticipation."

As Mahashivratri celebrations conclude, one question lingers: Is Shivakumar positioning himself as Congress' answer to the BJP's Hindutva juggernaut, or is this merely a personal expression of faith?

'DELAY UNACCEPTABLE'

DCM wants Union govt to take clear stand on Mekedatu project

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has urged the Union Government to clarify its stance on the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project and approve irrigation projects worth Rs 11,000 crore in Karnataka. Shivakumar, who also holds the water resources portfolio, told the media that he raised these issues during a meeting with Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil in Udaipur, Rajasthan, where ministers from different states and UTs participated.

"We have asked the Centre to take a clear stand on the Mekedatu project. The delay is unacceptable. Is the Union Government committed to this project or not? Both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu will benefit from the project," Shivakumar said.

He also highlighted the need to resolve the Pennar river dispute through negotiations, pointing out that large amounts of water were going to waste instead of being utilised efficiently.

Shivakumar announced that discussions with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu regarding the proposed Navali dam would be held in early March. He said around 30 tmcft of water was being lost owing to siltation in the Tungabhadra dam and proposed the construction of a parallel dam near Navali. "Our technical advisory committee has suggested an alternative approach, which will be discussed with Andhra Pradesh and Telangana before being made public," he said.

The Centre has proposed discussions on interlinking rivers, dam safety measures, and modernising canal systems. "We have been given time to meet again on March 18. Our team will continue pushing for the state's water needs," Shivakumar added.

The DyCM called for the urgent issuance of a gazette notification on the Upper Krishna project and Almatti dam. "We must utilise our allocated water share. Land acquisition for these projects must be expedited to avoid escalating costs," he said.

He also mentioned the pending forest clearance for the Kalasa Banduri project, stating that efforts were underway to resolve the issue at the central level.

Minister Boseraju has sought Rs 3,000 crore for minor irrigation projects, given Karnataka's vast dry lands. "The Union Minister responded positively and assured cooperation to our projects," Shivakumar added.

The State Government will write to MPs, urging them to push for clearances related to projects in their constituencies, he said, criticising delays in the Rs 5,300 crore Upper Bhadra project grant. He said all the required documents have been submitted, and the Centre must now make a decision.

On allegations of water release from Narayanpur dam to Telangana, Shivakumar clarified that the release was coordinated with neighbouring states as part of mutual assistance. "Opposition parties will always criticise. We are focused on the state's and farmers' interests," he asserted.

'No drinking water shortage'

On water scarcity concerns, DyCM DK Shivakumar reassured that drinking water supply is under control and that measures have been taken to manage agricultural needs. Additionally, discussions are ongoing regarding river-linking projects, borewell regulations in Bengaluru, and maintenance of water infrastructure. "We have already outlined a comprehensive plan. However, the water board incurs an annual loss of Rs 1,000 crore, and tariff revisions may become necessary," he said.

CM: State aims to attract ₹8,000 cr investment under new tourism policy

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah flanked by his cabinet colleagues and others at the inauguration of the Karnataka International Travel Expo in Bengaluru on Wednesday

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said with a budget of Rs 1,350 crore, the state tourism policy will help in attracting around Rs 8,000 crore as direct investment and generate employment opportunities to 1.5 lakh people.

With the recently released tourism policy 2024-29, the state government has laid the foundation for growth, innovation and responsible tourism. "In the last two years, the government allocated Rs 440 crore towards infrastructure and human resource development in Karnataka's tourism sector," Siddaramaiah said.

He added that the policy provides attractive incentives for hotels, resorts, wayside amenities, wellness retreats, adventure sports and cruise tourism. "I encourage investors to come forward with their proposals that our government will help facilitate," Siddaramaiah said at the inauguration of the second edition of the two- day Karnataka International Travel Expo (KITE)- 2025, in the city.

Siddaramaiah pointed out that the state recognises the potential tourism sector has in driving the economy. Thus, to make Karnataka a premier destination, the government is investing in infrastructure development, skill development, sustainable tourism initiatives and leveraging technology driven solutions to make the tourism sector better accessible and customer-friendly, he said.

The CM also used the platform to woo stakeholders and buyers, saying around 14,000 B2B meetings will be held at KITE, which will foster direct engagement between buyers and sellers, ensure Karnataka's tourism businesses connect with the world's leading travel companies. "I assure investors that the Government of Karnataka is committed to providing all necessary support, incentives and ease of business mechanisms to help tourism flourish," he said.

Tourism Minister HK Patil said around 90 international buyers, 230 domestic buyers, 36 countries and 25 states and Union territories are participating in KITE 2025, along with over 100 stakeholders from Karnataka.

KANNADA PRIDE

Police detain members of Kannada organisations during a protest in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The protesters condemned the assault on a NWKTRC bus conductor in Belagavi for not speaking in Marathi | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

HDK illegal mining case: SIT submits translated chargesheet to Raj Bhavan

Bengaluru: The Lokayukta Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the illegal mining cases allegedly involving Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H D Kumaraswamy recently submitted an English translation of its chargesheet to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot. The governor is yet to convey his decision on SIT's request seeking sanction to prosecute the former Karnataka CM. The governor had sought an English translation of the chargesheet in August after SIT submitted it in Kannada. The file requesting prosecution of Kumaraswamy has been pending with the Raj Bhavan since November 2023. Kumaraswamy was booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act. ENS

Aspiring for CM's post, Shivakumar to prove strength in ZP, TP polls

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who reiterated that he will lead the party in 2028 in whichever post he would be, appears to be keen to prove his organisational capabilities in the polls to local bodies before staking claim to the CM's post. His statement is being interpreted in political circles as his aspiration to lead the party as chief minister.

He met AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal in New Delhi on Tuesday and discussed strategies to strengthen the party for the 2028 Assembly polls. Asked whether he requested Venugopal to let him continue as KPCC president, Shivakumar said it is false. "All this is fabricated news," he told reporters on Wednesday.

It is said that when Congress came to power in 2023, Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, Venugopal and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge arrived at an agreement that the CM's post would be shared equally between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar during the five-year term.

Now, the party high command is working out a formula for the smooth transfer of power after Siddaramaiah completes seven years (including tenure in 2013-18) and 238 days as CM, breaking the record of former CM late D Devaraj Urs in January 2026.

According to one formula, if Shivakumar gets the CM's post, RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge would be considered for the DCM post under the Dalit quota and Siddaramaiah's son and MLC Dr Yathindra, a Kuruba, would be made a minister. The KPCC president's post would go to a leader hailing from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, a Congress leader said.

On the intense debate over his statement that the next election will be held under his leadership, Shivakumar said, "The party has raised me as a minister since the 1990s. They made me party president for five years and now they have given me the post of DCM. After all this, if I do not show my face and work for Congress, how can my leadership be justified? Has Congress given me so much power to sit at home? No matter what position I hold, I will lead the party."

He indirectly said he has emerged as a pan-India leader with the party calling him to Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, New Delhi, Assam, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh to campaign for polls.

"In 2013, I was the campaign committee president and in the last election, I was the party president. Now I am DCM. I should use my ability and experience. Siddaramaiah will also lead the party. He has been the Leader of the Opposition for two terms and CM for two terms. We will move forward under collective leadership," he said.

Asked if Siddaramaiah will continue as CM till the next elections, he said, "Our party has elected Siddaramaiah as CM. I am the DCM and KPCC president, and I respect the party's decision."

'Make a Dalit the CM, Dr G fits the bill'

ENS @ Vijayapura

AMID murmuring in the Congress over a possible leadership change in Karnataka, Dalit leaders have urged the party high command to consider Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara as the next chief minister if the party decides to replace Siddaramaiah.

At a press conference organised by the District Chalavadi Mahasabha and Buddha Vihara Nirmana Samiti on Wednesday, Congress leaders and Dalit representatives voiced their demand for social justice.

They said since the formation of Karnataka, no leader from the Dalit community has been appointed as CM, despite the community's strong electoral support for the Congress.

Citing statistical data and surveys, the leaders asserted that the Dalit community is a key voter base for the Congress in Karnataka. The leaders also announced plans to hold a mega convention in March or April, either in Belagavi or Hubballi.

Pai attacking Cong govt with eye on RS seat: Priyank

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THE IT-BT and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge has slammed entrepreneur and former Infosys CFO T V Mohandas Pai for targeting the Congress-led state government over various issues without "rhyme or reason".

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Kharge said Pai has been making allegations against the government with an eye on getting nominated to the Rajya Sabha by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Mohandas Pai may have wanted a higher post at the Centre. He is accusing the ministers for that reason. Earlier, his position was different. After the change of government in the state, his stance has changed," he said.

On February 24, Kharge had posted on 'X' claiming credit for Bengaluru having the second-highest number of India's most valuable companies.

Hitting back, Pai had posted: "Minister @PriyankKharge We know all this, but tell us - what have you done as our Minister to improve our lives? You have not even ensured the city is clean with no potholes and good footpaths! This is not rocket science but regular maintenance work. Pl talk to Minister @DKShivakumar to give us at least a clean walkable city! Is this too much to ask? Our lives have become more miserable over the last 2 years!"

On Wednesday, Kharge posted a detailed response on 'X': "@TVMohandasPai avare, if it was not rocket science why didn't you enlighten your then Government? Looks like your woes have become painful after we got 135 seats. Why do you remain silent when your #Vishwaguru @narendramodi treats Karnataka with utter disdain?..."

On HC direction, 10 Samithi members perform puja at Ladle Dargah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kalaburagi:

TEN members of the Raghava Chaitanya Jeernodhar Samithi, including invited guests of the Samithi, performed puja to the Raghava Chaitanya Eshwara Linga at Ladle Mashak Dargah on the occasion of Mahashivaratri on Wednesday.

Though the high court permitted 15 members to perform the puja, the Samithi restricted itself to 10 members due to certain objections by the police. They adhered to conditions laid down by the Kalaburagi Bench of the High Court. The members who performed puja include pontiff of Kadaganchi Virakta Mutt Shri Veerabhadra Shivacharyaru, senior VHP leader Lingarajappa Appa, BJP leader Harshanand Guttedar, former district unit president of BJP Shivaraj Patil Raddewadagi and Sidramaiah Hiremath who fought the case for the Samithi.

The puja was held from 2pm to 6pm by members chosen by the managing committee of the Dargah Hazarath Malikul Mashak Yaik Makdum Ladle Ansari (Sunni) of Aland, who visited the dargah and offered prayers. The court, in its order on Tuesday, had allowed 15 members of the dargah to offer prayers from 8am to 2pm on Wednesday, and 15 members listed by the Jeeronodhar Samithi to worship the Eshwara linga from 4pm to 2am on Wednesday (for Mahashivaratri).

As the court prohibited the pontiff of Karuneshwara Mutt of Jewargi Shri Siddalinga Swami, he could not participate in the puja. Official sources said chief of Sri Rama Sene Pramod Mutalik arrived at Kalaburagi on Wednesday and announced that he too would participate in the puja as his name figured in the 15 members' list. However, he dropped his plan after coming to know that his name was not on the list.

Pontiff of Virakta Mutt of Kadaganchi Shri Veerabhadra Shivacharyaru, Harshanand Guttedar and others enter the premises of Ladle Mashaq Dargah to perform puja to Raghava Chaitanya Eshwara Linga in Aland on Wednesday | EXPRESS

The Raghava Chaitanya Shiva Linga is situated on the premises of Ladle Mashak Dargah in Aland town. There was no dispute till 2022 over worshipping the Shivalinga. Violence broke out on Mahashivaratri in 2022 between the Dargah committee and Raghava Chaitanya committee and for the last two years, the Kalaburagi HC Bench is permitting only 15 persons to worship the Shivalinga on Mahashivaratri.

The principal chief conservator of forests and chief wildlife warden of Tamil Nadu said that the synchronised vulture census will be held on February 27 and 28 with the cooperation of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The census has been planned in 7 protected areas

NO SOUTH STATE WILL LOSE SEATS DUE TO DELIMITATION, SAYS SHAH

'Time has come to end DMK's anti-national and anti-people rule'

S SENTHIL KUMAR @ Coimbatore

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday assured the southern states that they will not lose even a "single parliamentary seat" due to delimitation and accused Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin of spreading "misinformation" on the issue. "No southern state, including Tamil Nadu, would see a reduction in parliamentary representation when delimitation is done on pro-rata basis," he said.

"The CM and his son (Udhayanidhi) have taken up some issues to divert public attention. On what basis is he (Stalin) saying that Tamil Nadu would lose parliamentary seats due to the delimitation process," asked Shah.

Addressing BJP members after inaugurating the party's new district headquarters building at Peelamedu in Coimbatore, Shah also rejected Stalin's claims of "injustice" to the state in the allocation of central funds, saying the Narendra Modi government has provided Rs 5,08,337 crore to Tamil Nadu in 10 years from 2014 to 2024.

"Time has come to put an end to the DMK's anti-national and anti-people rule. Like the victory for the BJP in Delhi in 2025, year 2026 will start with the victory of NDA alliance in Tamil Nadu. In 2026, NDA alliance will form the government in Tamil Nadu with an even bigger majority than in Maharashtra and Haryana. It will provide corrupt-free governance and put an end to separatism," Shah said.

"During the 10 years of UPA government between 2004 and 2014, Tamil Nadu got only Rs 1,52,901 crore, but Modi government gave Rs.5.08 lakh crore in 10 years. Additionally, Rs 1.43 lakh crore was allocated to Tamil Nadu for infrastructure development under the BJP regime," he said.

Lashing out at the ruling DMK dispensation on the law and order situation in the state, the home minister said, "The anti-national tendency is at an all-time high in Tamil Nadu. The state has the worst law and order situation in the country.

Tamil Nadu government provided security during the last journey of 1998 bomb blast accused and mastermind (SA Basha)," Shah said, and alleged that drug mafia enjoyed a free hand in the state. "All the leaders of DMK have got a master's degree in corruption — one leader is involved in a cash-for-job scam, another in a money laundering case, third in a disproportionate wealth case, fourth in a coal scam, fifth leader is an accused in the Rs. 6,000 crore CRIDP scheme, and the 2G scam is still ongoing. It seems the DMK has selected the corrupt through the party's membership drive," he said.

Shah deplored the lack of safety for girl students in universities and expressed concern that college students were getting killed for opposing the sale of illicit liquor.

After Independence, if any leader has done the most for Tamil Nadu's culture and language, it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah being welcomed at the inauguration of new Coimbatore district BJP office at Peelamedu on Wednesday | EXPRESS

TN IS A LAND OF SPIRITUALITY: SHAH

Tamil Nadu is a land of spirituality that has produced great sages like Thirumoolar and Agathiyar, who contributed significantly to Sanatana Dharma, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said while speaking at the Mahashivaratri celebrations at Isha Yoga Centre. He likened the event to Kumbh Mela

Shah's clarification vague and confusing, says DMK

The ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu said that the clarification issued by Union Home Minister Amit Shah was vague and confusing. DMK asked Shah to make it clear on what the pro-rata calculation would be based on. Addressing media here, DMK MP and former Union Minister A Raja said the Home Minister merely said "pro-rata" basis without clarifying whether the pro-rata calculation would be based on the present number of Lok Sabhas seats in each State or the present population

A SACRED OFFERING

A vibrantly decorated bull bows before a Shiva Linga at Keesaragutta, a revered temple site in Telangana, on Mahashivaratri on Wednesday | VINAY MADAPU

EXPRESS READ

Man sets fire to dry grass, destroys 10 acres in Sangam forest range

BENGALURU: A 42-year-old man has been arrested on charges of setting fire to dry grass in the Sangam forest range, which falls under Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Kanakapura, Ramanagara district, on Monday. Over 10 acres of forest land were destroyed. The accused Rajappa is a local resident and sheep rearer. A forest officer said that Rajappa assumed that burning the dry grass would led to growth of new grass, which would benefit sheep and cows. Upon noticing the fire, patrolling forest staff rushed to the spot and began extinguishing it. The fire was brought under control, and another team arres-ted Rajappa, who had illegally entered the forest. He confessed to setting the fire using a match-box. He was booked under the Wildlife Protection Ac, 1972 and sent to judicial custody ENS

'History will not be kind to you': Transgender activists condemn Trump's 'anti-trans' policies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN an open letter, transgender activist **Dr Akkai Padmashali** has called out US President Donald Trump for his administration policies that the activist says are erasing, delegitimising and endangering the lives of transgender and non-binary people.

Writing from Bengaluru, Akkai accused Trump of carrying out a "shocking assault" on the fundamental rights of transgender individuals, warning that his actions not only harm people in the US but set a dangerous precedent for governments across the world.

"We refused to be erased," Akkai wrote, calling Trump's policies an "attack on human dignity and a betrayal of the very principles of democracy that the US once represented". "History will not be kind to you," she said, highlighting that no executive order can erase the identity or existence of transgender people.

The letter, co-signed by gender rights activists, including Rakshitha Mallikarjuna and Abeda Begum, condemned Trump's decision to define sex narrowly as male or female based on biological sex at birth. The move, they argue, ignores decades of scientific, medical, and sociological research and disregards the lived realities of millions. "This is not just a bureaucratic change—it is an attack on our dignity, our rights, and our legal protections," the letter said.

Akkai also criticised Trump's order prohibiting federal agencies from recognising gender identity in official documents. "You claim to be protecting 'biological reality,' but in truth, you are putting lives at risk," she wrote, highlighting how such policies make transgender individuals more vulnerable to discrimination in healthcare, employment, and everyday life.

The activists strongly opposed Trump's ban on transgender women in sports and the reversal of Title IX protections.

One of the most devastating policies, according to the activists, is the administration's move to block federal funding for gender-affirming healthcare. Akkai called it a "heartless" decision that ignores the reality that such medical care is lifesaving.

The letter also condemned Trump's ban on transgender people serving in the military.

Further, the activists slammed the administration for eliminating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programmes from federal agencies, arguing that such initiatives are essential in correcting historic injustices.

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam president and actor Vijay plays with a child during the party's second anniversary celebrations at Mahabalipuram on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Centre denying funds to Tamil Nadu akin to KG kids fighting, says Vijay

K EZHILARASAN @ Chennai

TAMILAGA Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president actor Vijay on Wednesday said the Union government withholding Tamil Nadu's education-related funds for not implementing the three-language policy is akin to kindergarten children fighting among themselves. Addressing the party functionaries at Mahabalipuram at an event to mark the beginning of party's second year, Vijay, without naming the parties, alleged both the BJP and the DMK are working hand in glove and are deceiving the people.

The actor-turned-politician took a dig at both the parties for "playing with hashtags online" on this serious issue. He was referring to the recent trending 'GetOutModi' and 'GetOutStalin' hashtags on the X platform. "What bro? It's very wrong bro," he said (in what appeared to be a reference to a dialogue made popular by Naam Tamilar Katchi leader Seeman while criticising the actor), drawing a loud round of applause from party functionaries.

Jan Suraaj party chief Prashant Kishor, who has joined hands with Vijay to help TVK, shared the stage with the actor.

Stressing that TVK will firmly oppose imposition of another language, Vijay said it is not right to politically impose another language on a state by questioning its language and education policies "as it is against the states' rights and federalism".

Terming Tamil Nadu as a land of "self respect" and saying that Tamils will never give up self respect, he said, "We will respect all languages. Anyone can study any language whenever they want. It is their right." He added a language, however, cannot be imposed. Interestingly, he did not use the word 'Hindi' in his speech. Drawing parallel to the maiden victories of DMK and AIADMK in 1967 and 1977 respectively, the actor vowed to script a similar history for TVK by winning the 2026 Assembly election.

In a veiled attack on TN CM MK Stalin for his remarks that those launching new parties are aiming to destroy DMK, Vijay said there is unrest and confusion in the ruling camp over how to tackle the growing popularity of TVK. "Earlier, landlords (Pannaiyar) became politicians, but nowadays, politicians, after assuming power, turn into landlords," Vijay said, adding removing such landlords from politics will be TVK's first task.

Shashi Tharoor backs Kerala Cong president

In another curious development, even as discussions within the Congress in Kerala on finding a replacement for Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee chief K Sudhakaran enter the final phase, Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor backed the veteran leader, saying there was no need to replace him at the moment. "Sudhakaran played a major role in the party's victories. It is illogical to demand his resignation, since the party won by-elections under his leadership. Personally, I cannot agree to a change. Let him continue. But others should stand united with him," Tharoor said in what is seen as an indirect response to the Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Kerala Assembly VD Satheesan's camp that has been pushing for Sudhakaran's removal. The MP's open support for Sudhakaran comes two days before the Congress high command holds a crucial meeting with its Kerala leaders on Friday.

Majority not always right: Tharoor

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EVEN as senior leaders in the Congress have banded against his recent remarks endorsing the LDF government, Thiruvananthapuram Member of Parliament **Shashi Tharoor** has made it clear that he stands by what he said.

Speaking at a function on Wednesday, Tharoor said the majority is not always right.

In a veiled reference to the recent controversy, Tharoor said he treads the path less travelled and walking alone was his strength. Tharoor made the remarks before presenting the N Ramachandran award to veteran actor Shabana Azmi, at an event in the state capital.

Speaking to reporters at another function, Tharoor attempted to play down the controversy over his recent remarks on *The Indian Express* podcast. He wondered why his remarks had kicked off a storm as it was only a conversation about life. "Nothing there much about any political controversy," he said.

"You all heard the podcast, what was the controversy about?... I still haven't understood the controversy... now that you have heard the whole podcast, can you tell me what your question is? I am happy to respond. It is a podcast, a 45-minute conversation about life and pursuits of happiness. Nothing there much about any political controversy."

Tharoor said he will attend the party meeting scheduled for Friday.

In his controversial podcast, Shashi Tharoor had opined that the Congress ould be forced to sit as opposition for another term if it did not try to expand its appeal.

He said several party workers felt the absence of a leader. The four-time MP from Thiruvananthapuram said he had other options like travel and books, if the Congress did not require his services.

> **You all heard the podcast, what was the controversy about?... I still haven't understood the controversy... It is a podcast, a 45-minute conversation about life and pursuits of happiness. Nothing there much about any political controversy** — MP Shashi Tharoor

KERALA MURDERS

Family planned to die by suicide: Accused to cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

WHILE the police are yet to officially confirm the motive behind the brutal murder of five people in rural Thiruvananthapuram on Monday, investigators have uncovered a crucial statement from the accused, A R Afan. He reportedly revealed that his family had previously considered dying by suicide due to mounting debts.

This revelation came while police interacted with Afan, who is currently recovering at the Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College Hospital after consuming rat poison. Investigators believe the murders were linked to financial distress, particularly after Afan's father, Abdul Rahim, faced legal troubles following business losses in Saudi Arabia.

Police sources said Afan made a passing remark about the suicide plan but did not elaborate. "The family discussed the idea, but it remains unclear whether it was Afan's suggestion or if his mother, Shemi, was also aware," said an officer.

While reports suggest the family was burdened with a ₹55 lakh debt, police are yet to verify the exact amount. However, it has been confirmed that Afan had pledged two sovereigns of gold borrowed from his girlfriend, Farzana. Her mother corroborated this in a police statement, also confirming that Afan had previously borrowed money from Farzana, which he later repaid, but the gold remained unreturned.

Additionally, Afan stole his grandmother Salma Beevi's gold chain after murdering her and pawned it for ₹70,000, using ₹40,000 to clear some of his dues.

Investigators remain cautious about Afan's claims, noting inconsistencies in his statements. "We need to interrogate him in custody to get a clearer picture. Only after a detailed inquiry can we determine his true motive behind the gruesome killings," said a cop.

PM hands list of Central projects held up in TG to Revanth Reddy

MANDA RAVINDER REDDY
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IN an unusual move, PM Narendra Modi advised CM A Revanth Reddy to clear pending issues pertaining to various projects taken up by the Centre in Telangana. On Wednesday, Revanth met Modi and handed over a wishlist requesting approval for the Hyderabad Metro Project Phase-2, funds for the Musi rejuvenation project and others. In return, the PM handed a list of issues pending with the State to the CM.

In his list, the PM said state was allotted a target of 70,674 houses for 2016-17 and 2017-18, but did not implement the scheme and returned the Centre's share of funds.

The list also noted Telangana was yet to initiate the household survey for the identification of eligible rural households under PMAY-G using the Awaas+ 2024 mobile application.

SPACE MARVEL

For parade, only four planets will be visible tomorrow

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A rare planetary alignment that began in January this year, expected to dazzle with seven visible planets at its peak on February 28, has now lost much of its appeal. Instead of seven, only four planets will be visible on Friday — fewer than even the six that were visible when the rare celestial phenomenon unfolded.

Researchers at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium (JNP) confirmed that Venus, Jupiter and Mars will be seen, while Mercury, though part of the alignment, will remain hidden as it is too close to the Sun. Mercury's position in the sky means it gets lost in the Sun's bright glare, making it hard to spot.

This rare phenomenon -- planetary alignment, or planetary parade -- will not be seen again until 2040. This phenomenon occurs when multiple planets align along the ecliptic plane. While smaller alignments happen more often, this one is significant as it involves all seven visible planets. While Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Jupiter can be seen with the naked eye, Uranus and Neptune require telescopes for visibility.

JNP Director BR Guruprasad said while Mercury will join the planetary alignment on Friday, it will remain hidden and won't be visible even through a telescope. He explained that Mercury, being just 60 million kilometers away from the Sun, gets lost in the Sun's glare, making it difficult to spot. Moreover, factors like Earth's cloud cover, atmospheric conditions and light pollution can further affect visibility, making it challenging to observe the alignment clearly, he said.

Guruprasad explained that this time, even Uranus and Neptune, which were previously visible through a telescope, have become difficult to spot. Meanwhile, Saturn, which was prominently seen on the western horizon until a few days ago, is now less visible as it has moved closer to the horizon. He added that Saturn can only be seen in a very dark, pollution-free environment, and the current conditions in Bengaluru are not ideal for clear observation.

Researchers said though the planets look like they are lining up in the sky, they are actually still millions or even billions of kilometers apart in space. The alignment is just how it appears from Earth, like an optical illusion. Even though scientists can predict these events, small changes in the planets' movement, Sun's effect, or even sudden changes in Earth's atmosphere can make a difference in what we actually see. This is why the number of visible planets can sometimes change at the last moment, they said.

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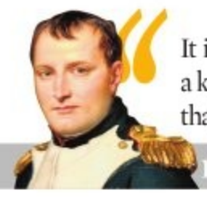

"It is better to have a known enemy than a forced ally" — Napoleon Bonaparte

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— Ramnath Goenka

STRICT QUALITY CONTROL NEEDED FOR MEDICINES SOLD AT HOME & ABROAD

DONALD Trump's threat to levy 25 percent tariff on several import categories from India, including pharmaceuticals, has set off several alarms. While experts say this reactionary measure will significantly hit the US healthcare system itself, focus must also be trained on drugs manufactured in India—for exports and the domestic market.

Just as the industry is trying to understand the likely effect of such a tariff, Mumbai-based Aveo Pharmaceuticals has come under the scanner after a *BBC* investigation claimed the company was exporting opioids to west African nations that it was not licensed to sell there. The report triggered public health concerns in Nigeria, Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire. Aveo allegedly exported pills containing a strong opioid called tapentadol mixed with a muscle relaxant, carisoprodol, after the Nigerian government had in 2018 banned imports of pills containing a weaker opioid called tramadol, on which India has tightened controls too. On February 21, the India's Drugs Standard Control Organisation withdrew export clearance certificates for all unapproved combinations of tapentadol and carisoprodol.

This is not an isolated case. Over the years, there have been several cases of drugs made in India being rejected abroad after the US Food and Drug Administration raised red flags over contamination, inadequate manufacturing practices and data integrity violations, resulting in product recalls. Even the World Health Organization has linked deaths of children in Cameroon, Gambia and Uzbekistan to substandard drugs exported from India. Such cases are a serious blot on India's $28-billion pharma exports that comprise generic and bulk drugs, vaccines and biosimilars. Exports account for more than half the country's $50-billion pharma industry that ranks third in the world on volumes. About half the generic drugs prescribed in the US are supplied by Indian companies. So, manufacturing malpractice here can wreak a wide toll.

Cheaper generic drugs imported from India and China have helped the US healthcare system save a whopping $408 billion in 2022, according to one estimate. Higher tariffs on imports from India will be extremely consequential for US citizens, not just Indian companies. India, for itself, needs to strengthen its drug quality control mechanism with more audits and strict action against defaulters. It's not just about saving a valuable export market—it's about saving lives at home and abroad.

GOVT MUST APPOINT STAFF IN STATE-AIDED SCHOOLS

FOR over five years, Aleena Benny, a 29-year-old temporary teacher, taught students at a church-run, government-aided school in Kozhikode without salary. This was despite her family allegedly 'donating' ₹23 lakh to the Thalassery diocese. On Wednesday, Aleena was found dead at her residence. The police said she took her own life and registered a case under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita's Section 194, which lays down the protocol for investigating deaths.

Aleena's case has exposed the tragic plight of around 15,000 teachers in the state who have been working for years in various aided institutions without getting salary. Her father alleges that when the school management took the money, they promised a permanent job for her. The diocese has denied taking any money from the family and has passed the blame to the government for the delay in paying her salary. The management argued that they had filed her application with the education department on time and that technical issues over appointing persons with disabilities was the reason for the inordinate delay.

The tragic death has instigated a debate on the revenue model of government-aided institutions, which came into existence when the state promised free education for all in the Kerala Education Act 1958. With it, the government shouldered the responsibility of paying the state-aided school staff. As of now, there are 7,277 such schools in Kerala. The authority to appoint teachers lies exclusively with the school management; the government only pays the salaries. Though such institutions have played a crucial role in ensuring free education to a large number of kids, many believe it's time to revisit their role. As the employees are recruited by private organisations that often take money, the rationale of the government paying their salaries is controversial. A panel headed by former chief secretary K M Abraham had stated that the salary burden in educational institutions was punching a hole in the state's purse. But successive governments have been dragging their feet over it because these schools are run by influential communities. It's high time the government took over the right to appoint teachers in the institutions funded by them. To curb corruption, the right should be handed over to the state public service commission. The tragedy that happened to Aleena must not be repeated.

QUICK TAKE

ON CROSS-BORDER SHUTDOWNS

INDIA has been dethroned from the top of a dubious list for the first time in seven years. Access Now, an internet rights advocacy, says Myanmar pipped India by shutting down web access 85 times in 2024—once more than India did. Together, the two countries accounted for three-fifths of the 296 shutdowns around the world, a third higher than the global total five years earlier. Even Thailand and China shut down access in Myanmar, making it more difficult for people in the trouble-torn country to get their messages out. The trend of rising cross-border shutdowns when war has not been declared needs clarity at global forums in an era where cyber attacks are considered *casus belli*.

The Delhi polls confirmed that Cong isn't a reliable partner. With INDIA in tatters and regional parties not ready to stay in the Gandhis' shadow, a non-Cong bloc can't be ruled out

CONGRESS FORCES A REAPPRAISAL OF COALITION DHARMA

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A cry of despair from a Congress sympathiser—who is so passionate about the party's travails that he could be a faceless member in an ocean of sycophants—framed the ills afflicting the Congress far more perceptively than the reams tumbling out of 'informed' analyses following the BJP's comeback in Delhi. But Ranchod Das Chanchad's 'open letter' to Rahul Gandhi on X was likely lost in the pile of emails or old-fashioned epistles reaching Gandhi and his staff. In any case, it's whispered that the Gandhi scion is hostile to even well-intended criticism.

Congress's joyous celebration of AAP's rout—framed as a revenge for Sheila Dikshit's defeat by Arvind Kejriwal in 2015—was intriguing to say the least because the party itself was annihilated in the national capital. Without mincing words, Chanchad posted, "Our obsession with Arvind Kejriwal is misplaced. He didn't destroy Congress in Delhi, our own complacency did." Among the points Chanchad raised were the "hypocrisy" embedded in Congress's federalism stand that manifested in the party's social media warriors "openly questioning the very existence of regional parties", fixing one's own house before mocking others, and either reinventing the party or fade into oblivion.

In the euphoria over AAP's fade-out, the Congress has not cared to reflect on its own role and conduct in the Delhi polls or even attempt to nail the local leaders who reportedly counselled Gandhi to assail Kejriwal and AAP instead of attacking the BJP.

The Congress's conflicted stand over seeking regional electoral partners has significant implications for the virtually defunct INDIA bloc that beamed a ray of hope in the opposition when it was launched in Bihar in July 2023. It was meant to be a big-tent coalition of 'progressive' federal forces to challenge the BJP-led NDA.

The Congress arrogated to itself the right to head INDIA by virtue of its national presence, but none of the other parties were willing to concede leadership to the Gandhis. The bloc has since unravelled. Nitish Kumar, who cheerfully piloted the project as part of a 'secular' coalition, was the first to jump ship and embrace the BJP.

The Janata Party and Janata Dal experiments of the past—a ragtag of state parties wedded together by the anti-Congress glue—at least took off and made a go of it until the ideological contradictions between the BJP and some others became irreconcilable. For the BJP, more than the egos nursed by its leaders such as Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani, it was the RSS's pressure to work towards getting an independent majority on the Hindutva plank that scuppered the Janata coalitions.

To be noted, however, is the BJP's exemplary pragmatism towards the so-called smaller participants when help was needed in cobbling the numbers required for a majority in the Lok Sabha and state legislatures. The Congress, on the other hand, could never shed the aura of being the 'grand old party' and a self-anointed supremo.

Today, the BJP holds power in 12 states on its own, and with an ally, the Janata Dal (United) in Bihar. It has NDA chief ministers in Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya. In contrast, the Congress can call just three states as its own. It is part of the coalition governments in J&K and Jharkhand, and a constituent of the DMK-led compact in Tamil Nadu. It was part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi and Mahagathbandhan governments in Maharashtra and Bihar, which could not complete their tenures.

Regardless of the Delhi verdict, is the Congress positioned to disparage regional parties on whose backs it rides in at least five states? Any party in its place, grand or unprepossessing, would be casting round for partners to face a slew of impending elections.

In Maharashtra, the MVA, consisting of the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray), NCP (Sharad Pawar) and Congress, exists notionally. Uddhav, a former chief minister who lost most of his MLAs to a BJP-engineered coup, declared his intent to fight the prestigious local body polls in Maharashtra solo. The cash-rich Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation is on his radar as well as the BJP's. NCP chief Sharad Pawar, wounded as much as Uddhav from the defections his party was subjected to, will need a miracle to revive the original NCP. The Congress is rudderless as its allies are looking for life away from the Gandhis.

In Tamil Nadu and Bihar, the Congress will willy-nilly have to ride on the back of the DMK and RJD, while in J&K, after its poor showing in Jammu, it has no choice but to go by the NC's diktat. In Uttar Pradesh, where the Samajwadi Party put up an impressive performance in the Lok Sabha election, there's no way its chief Akhilesh Yadav will yield more seats to the Congress than what he deems deserving.

Rather than the federal forces, the Congress is fast losing its salience within INDIA or what remains of it. The Congress treated the AAP, notionally an INDIA constituent, as its arch-enemy in Delhi. It got a shock when Akhilesh Yadav, Mamata Banerjee, Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar announced their support for the AAP, although materially it made no difference.

The prospect of regional parties, loosely aligned with the Congress, banding together to form a separate non-Congress coalition cannot be ruled out because those like Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR (Congress) might find such a formation more palatable than Congress's INDIA.

Can ideology be a cementing element in today's circumstances? The BJP has artfully finessed the skill of blending ideology with the lure of power to add to its strength. The Congress's ideology remained fuzzy in the post Mandal-mandir era. Regional parties, including the socialist-secular adherents, couldn't care less about ideology, mouthing their anti-BJP rhetoric for the consumption of the religious minorities.

Bihar, which votes this year, will be a test for the RJD-led opposition and the NDA, more for the former. A victory for the RJD might spur regional forces to think afresh of putting up a joint front against the BJP. Conversely, a reversal could put the clock back.

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THE WAY TO COUNTER RECIPROCAL TARIFFS

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INDIAN manufacturing, already in a vulnerable position, is likely to be severely affected by US President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs. Despite the government's efforts to boost the sector through the 'Make in India' initiative, the share of manufacturing in India's GDP was slightly lower at 15.83 percent in 2023-24, compared to 15.99 percent in 2014-15.

Reciprocal tariffs refer to levies on imports from any nation that charges duties on US exports. "An eye for an eye, a tariff for a tariff—the same exact amount," Trump promised during his campaign. What remains unclear is how these tariffs would be calculated.

With the US being India's largest export partner, Trump's reciprocal tariffs will likely have far-reaching consequences. The US administration's plans to impose tariffs on steel, aluminium, pharmaceuticals, textiles and certain electronics will significantly challenge Indian exports to America. These tariffs will not only increase costs for Indian exporters but also shrink market share, intensify competition from imports, and potentially lead to job losses and investment slowdowns.

The immediate consequence will be the increased cost of Indian exports to the US. Consider the case of the 25 percent tariff on all US imports of steel and aluminium announced by Trump on February 10. With the current rates ruling at 2.95 percent for steel imports and 3.91 percent for aluminium, the higher tariffs will place a burden on Indian exporters, making their products less competitive in the US market. This would lead to reduced sales and revenue losses for companies engaged in these industries, eventually forcing layoffs and production cuts. This would only be a first-order effect. The downstream impact on industries such as automobile manufacturing and canned goods would also likely be substantial.

Similarly, India's pharmaceutical sector, a leading supplier of generic drugs to the US, will see its profit margins squeezed due to increased costs. The same applies to textiles and electronics, where higher tariffs could prompt buyers to shift to buying from other low-cost manufacturing hubs such as Vietnam and Bangladesh.

The impact of such tariffs will not be limited to an immediate reduction in merchandise exports. A sustained decline in exports, combined with higher tariffs on multiple products, would dampen investments. This would place additional strain on India's efforts to boost industrial growth.

Any attempt to mitigate the negative effects of reciprocal tariffs by reducing India's own tariffs on US imports could have a detrimental effect on domestic manufacturing. Lower tariffs on US goods would make imported products more affordable, potentially shifting consumer demand away from locally manufactured goods. Industries such as consumer electronics, automobiles and machinery could struggle to compete with an influx of cheaper imports. Given that manufacturing plays a crucial role in employment generation, this shift could have far-reaching socio-economic consequences.

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> If carried through, Trump's threat of levying reciprocal tariffs may directly affect India's steel, aluminium, pharma, textile and electronics industries. Reducing India's import duties isn't a solution. Enhancing demand and credit availability at home will be better foils

To navigate these challenges, India must rethink its economic strategy and take proactive measures to cushion the impact of Trump's tariffs. One key step would be to diversify its export destinations. While the US has traditionally been one of India's largest trading partners, the unpredictability of American trade policy underscores the need to explore alternative markets. Strengthening trade ties with the European Union could help offset losses in the US market, while expanding agreements with ASEAN nations could open up new opportunities. Additionally, emerging economies in Africa and Latin America present untapped potential for increased trade and investment.

India must also focus on strengthening domestic manufacturing to ensure resilience in the face of shifting geopolitical trade dynamics. Investment in innovation and technology will be critical to maintaining global competitiveness. Indian firms must adopt advanced manufacturing techniques and prioritise research and development to produce high-value, innovative products.

Policy measures to boost domestic demand, such as the recent increase in tax exemptions for income and interest proposed in the Union Budget 2025-26, could help counteract the negative impact of tariffs—provided the additional disposable income is not diverted toward imported goods. Ensuring the availability of affordable credit for businesses and consumers will also support investment and spending, strengthening the overall economy.

Trump's tariffs come at a time when India's manufacturing sector is already grappling with declining sales, rising inventories, and stagnating order books. However, this crisis also presents an opportunity for India to rethink its economic policies and adapt to a shifting global trade environment.

While Trump's tariffs pose short-term challenges, India has the potential to emerge stronger by strategically repositioning its economy for the future. By implementing forward-thinking policies, India can mitigate the adverse effects of these trade measures and create a more self-sufficient, competitive industrial sector in the long run.

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Europe's opportunity

Ref: *Trump sparks seismic shift in Europe's balance of power* (Feb 26). The article presents a one-sided view of Nato's future and US President Donald Trump's foreign policy. While his stance may disrupt traditional alliances, it also pushes Europe toward greater self-reliance. We should recognise this as an opportunity for Europe to redefine its security framework beyond outdated Cold War structures.
Krithika K, Bengaluru

Imbibing ethics

Ref: *How to frame everyday ethics for the new era* (Feb 26). To sustain modern ethics, one needs linguistic, religious and scientific innovation. Democracy has to imbibe ethics in both language and responsibility for its survival. The problem in confronting the missing sense of ethics must not be seen as a way of life, instead addressed as being realistic for making a new world.
Katragadda Sarveswara Rao, Bhubaneswar

Fool's paradise

Ref: *The tangled politics of 2 peoples with 1 tongue* (Feb 26). Political parties in West Bengal are waiting for an occasion to bring forward their agenda. Paying homage to the Bhasha Andolan martyrs is one such example. The author must be aware of happenings in the neighbouring country and their hatred towards Indians in general and Hindus in particular. After witnessing all these, if someone still feels language can bridge the gap, they are living in a fool's paradise.
Jaikishan N, Kengeri

Studying addiction

Ref: *Coming up, first of its kind research centre on addictive behaviours* (Feb 26). The research centre is the need of the hour. Terms like anxiety, depression and stress were not analogous with youth some 30 years ago. The use of technology and toxic habits definitely play a fomenting factor.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Parental awareness

The launch of this research centre is a much-needed step in tackling technology addiction among youth. However, its success hinges on widespread awareness campaigns targeting youth and parents.
Sona Monichen, Cherthala

Digital detox

The formation of a centre focusing on research on technology addiction is praiseworthy, but urgent policy changes, parental education, and digital detox programmes must be executed to prevent an entire generation from psychological and cognitive deterioration.
Devananda K, Mangaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj
I am happy that the resolution to plant a sapling every day has become a people's resolution. Many nature-loving brothers & sisters plant saplings with me daily

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
Appointment of Shaija Andavan, who openly praised Nathuram Godse, at NIT Calicut is another example of BJP's promotion of those who insult national icons

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
If the continuous fall of India's stockmarket is due to withdrawal of foreign money, it shows foreign investors have lost confidence in the current economy

GREEN CARD FOR THE RICH

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRESIDENT Donald Trump has unveiled plans to offer $5 million "gold card" resident permits to foreign nationals — a programme that would also provide a pathway to US citizenship. In simple terms, a "green card for the rich," Trump announced that the programme would be launched in two weeks, attracting "very high-level individuals," and suggested that the funds raised could help reduce the national deficit. This high-cost visa would replace the existing EB-5 immigrant investor visa, meant for foreign investors creating jobs in the US.

EXPLAINER

A breakdown of what's changed in the process for wealthy individuals to obtain US residency and eventually citizenship:

What was EB-5 immigrant investor visa?
Launched in 1990, residency (green card) and eventual citizenship granted to foreign nationals who invested at least $1.05 million in a new business that created jobs. The investment requirement is reduced to $800,000 if the business is located in a rural area, with high unemployment, or is involved in an infrastructure project.

Was there a cap on the visa?
10,000 visas annually with 3,000 reserved for investments in high-unemployment areas.

Why it is being changed?
US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said it was exploited and priced too low. "The EB-5 programme was full of nonsense, make-believe, and fraud, offering a low-cost way to get a green card. So, the President decided instead of continuing this ridiculous programme, we're going to end it."

In recent times, challenges in tracing the origins of applicants' funds, along with concerns about potential perceptions of favouritism were cited against this visa programme.

Who would qualify for a 'gold visa'?
"They'll be wealthy and they'll be successful, and they'll be spending a lot of money and paying a lot of taxes and employing a lot of people, and we think it's going to be extremely successful," says Trump.

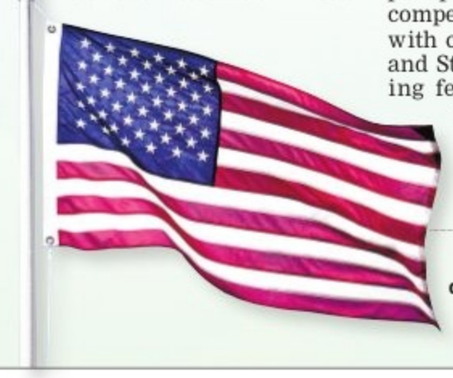
Vetting process
All applicants will undergo rigorous vetting to ensure they are "wonderful, world-class global citizens," according to Lutnick.

Any cap on visa?
No definitive limit on the programme, with Trump proposing that the government could sell as many as 10 million visas to help reduce the national deficit. An estimated 10 million visas should bring $50 trillion in revenue.

Unclear path to citizenship
Current green card holders, including those benefiting from the EB-5 programme, must live in the US as lawful permanent residents for five years before becoming eligible for citizenship. It is not clear whether gold card visa holders will have a shorter wait for citizenship.

Adding to backlog
Over a million Indians are among those waiting for green cards in the US, according to US government data. In employment-based categories, the backlog for Indian applicants is projected to reach 2.19 million by 2030. Any new category will add to their waiting period.

How did US fare in giving citizenship in recent times?
In the last decade, USCIS has naturalised over 7.9 million citizens, with 818,500 new citizens welcomed in fiscal year 2024. While this marks a 7% decrease from the previous year, the three-year total exceeds 2.6 million new citizens.



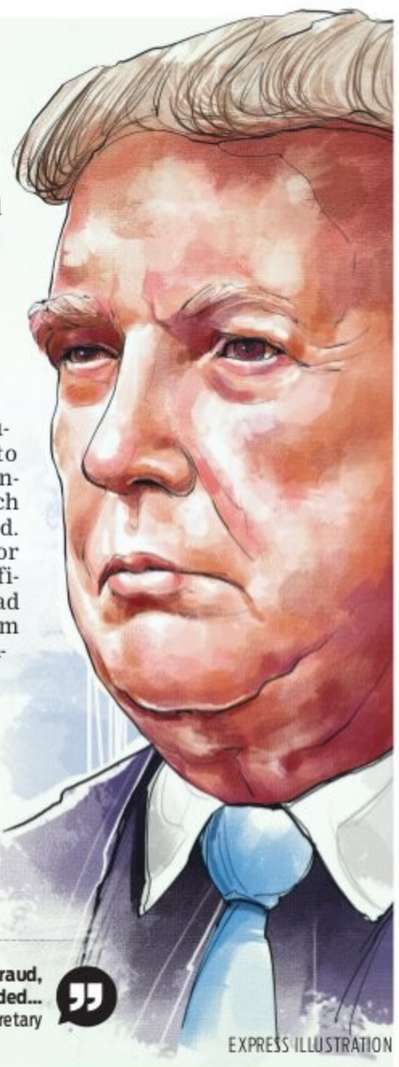
Will wealthy Russians qualify for gold card?
Trump responded: "Possibly. I know some Russian oligarchs who are very nice people."

How does similar schemes work in other countries?
Spain and Greece offer similar programmes like the gold card. Countries such as Malta, Egypt, and Jordan allow foreign applicants to obtain citizenship directly through investment. These "golden passport" programmes are competitive in the Caribbean, with countries like Grenada, and St. Kitts and Nevis offering fees as low as $200,000 to $300,000.

Tax implications?
Unlike tax havens, while a US 'gold card' would likely attract high demand, it may come with the drawback of subjecting holders to the particularly stringent US taxation system.

Any possible hurdle for 'gold card' roll-out?
It could run into some trouble if Trump attempts to push it through without Congressional approval, which Trump asserts is not needed. Congress is responsible for setting "citizenship qualifications." For example, it had authorised EB-5 programme that Trump administration wants to end.

Why it's controversial at times?
Individuals seek to use golden visas for money laundering and financial fraud have raised significant concerns.



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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Tharoor likely to lie low at Rahul meet on Friday

MP to actively engage in party affairs till local body polls: Sources

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

CONGRESS MP Shashi Tharoor, who is at the centre of a row over his opinion piece in The New Indian Express, will not raise any grievances at the Friday meeting called by party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi with senior leaders from Kerala.

According to sources, the four-time Thiruvananthapuram MP has decided to lie low till the local body elections in Kerala, in which the Congress sees as an opportunity to make a comeback.

While senior leaders maintain that the focus of the Friday meeting would be on the party's preparations ahead of local body elections, sources close to Tharoor hinted he will not make any remarks if the issue comes up. He has decided to bury the hatchet for the time being and actively engage in party affairs till the local body elections, said a close aide.

On Tuesday, Tharoor loyalist and Lok Sabha MP K Raghavan met Congress' Kerala in charge Deepa Dasmunshi in Delhi and apprised her of the political situation after Tharoor's article widened the rift among party leaders. Raghavan is believed to have told Dasmunshi that the state leaders have to tone down their attack on Tharoor.

The Congress MP's public criticism of a leadership vacuum in the state unit and his projection as the Congress' face ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls left the party irked.

Tharoor had said he had other 'options' if the party did not need his services. His comments have ruffled feathers in the Congress camp, which is already riddled with factionalism. During the meeting, Dasmunshi stressed the need for unity in the state leadership.

Raghavan also met and spoke with Tharoor at his residence before meeting Dasmunshi, sources said.

Congress Working Committee members from the state Shashi Tharoor, Kodikunnil Suresh, Ramesh Chennithala, and Kerala Congress president K Sudhakaran, Leader of Opposition leader V D Satheesan are among the leaders who will attend the meeting.

This will be Tharoor's second meeting with the central leadership after his article sparked controversy. Last week, Rahul Gandhi called on Tharoor for a one-on-one meeting, though the latter did not divulge what transpired in the meeting.

Speaking to media on Wednesday, Tharoor dismissed reports of a rift between him and the party. Referring to the podcast, he said, "You all heard the podcast, what was the controversy about... It is a podcast, a 45-minute conversation about life and pursuits of happiness, nothing about any political controversy."

Tharoor's comments sparks speculations
Tharoor had said he had other 'options' if the party did not need his services. His comments ruffled feathers in the Congress camp, which is already riddled with factionalism. When asked if he would join BJP, the Congress MP had said, "No, every party has their own belief and history. It is not right to join another party if you can't embrace their beliefs. I don't think that is right."

TRIBAL LANDS

Centre asks MP govt to look into forest rights claims

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has asked the Madhya Pradesh government to address complaints about a significant rise in rejection of applications related to community and individual forest rights claims filed through the Van Mitra mobile application, officials said. In a letter to the state's department of tribal affairs, which this newspaper has accessed, the MoTA has said the App is undermining the rights of the gram sabha (village council) and directed the state government to examine the complaints and submit a report by March 3.

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 or FRA recognises the rights of forest-dwelling communities to land and resources. The rejection of claims has left thousands of tribal families and other forest dwellers deprived of their land rights.

The Union ministry letter underscores rule 12A(11) of the FRA, which states that technology like satellite imagery or others may supplement other forms of evidence but not be treated as a replacement.

On February 13, eleven forest rights organisations from MP gave a representation to MoTA against the Van Mitra App, blaming it for the massive rejection of forest rights applications. They demanded the ministry's intervention to safeguard the rights of tribals and other traditional forest dwellers who are dependent on forests for their livelihood.

"The Van Mitra App has now become a tool to reject our claim without assessing our evidence," said Prahlad Singh, an affected applicant from Panna district.

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> Prahlad Singh, Applicant

Nearly 61% claims rejected
In February 2019, the Supreme Court had directed states to evict the forest dwellers whose forest rights applications were rejected. Almost 61% of the total 5.80 lakh applications were rejected in MP.

HC orders probe into tribal land deal in Gwalior-Chambal

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court has directed Ashok Nagar district collector to probe cases where lands belonging to tribals are being grabbed or disposed of by influential individuals.

"Ashok Nagar district collector shall conduct an inquiry into the instances or cases of last ten years, where lands belonging to members of ST community are being grabbed or disposed of by influential persons, including those holding different offices," the Gwalior bench of the high court said in its Tuesday order.

"It will also be the collector's duty to conduct inquiry in respect of bonded labourers working in such agricultural fields/households or any other place under the domination of such powerful persons. The collector shall have to ensure that no bonded labour work in his district as it is contrary to constitutional and statutory provisions. The collector should file a detailed reply within two weeks," a bench said.

The HC order came following submissions by the counsel for the state about cases of land grab in Ashok Nagar of Gwalior-Chambal region. The counsel submitted that it was a common practice that lands of tribals are being grabbed by influential people or they are being persuaded to dispose of their land on meagre sum.

A tribal, Chotelal Adivasi, had filed a habeas corpus petition, alleging that his wife Munni Bai is under illegal confinement of some people. However, his wife informed that she was not under anyone's illegal confinement, but living at her brother's residence in Mungaoli area.

She also informed the court that her husband is serving Hardeep Randhawa as bonded labour, owing to which she wants protection, as she is facing threat to life. During the course of court hearing, the possibility of Randhawa actually being behind the filing of the petition by Chotelal Adivasi, came to the fore.

"That Dharampal Sharma and Gaurav Sharma tried to influence and intimidate the petitioner in the courtroom indicates that they wanted to keep the petitioner and corpus (petitioner's wife) silent about their possibly evil designs," the court observed.

Caution against earphone & headphone use

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Union Health Ministry has warned of hearing loss associated with excessive use of earphones and headphones, especially by the younger population, asking the states and medical colleges to create awareness against its prolonged usage as it could lead to "irreversible hearing damage".

In a letter, Director General of Health Services (DGHS) Prof (Dr) Atul Goel also stresses the importance of limiting screen time for kids. Contunuous watching can delay the cognitive development of the brain, affecting social interaction and communication, the officer said.

Prof Goel suggests people use audio devices with volumes not exceeding 50 decibels but for no more than two hours daily and take breaks during listening sessions. He advises them to use well-fitted or noise-cancelling headphones whenever possible to allow audio to be played at lower volumes.

Regarding children's exposure to online gaming, the DGHS asks the states to make them aware of limiting their exposure to "loud impulsive sounds, frequently employed in the game design" and also wants them to reduce the use of social media.

Referring to public events, the professor wants the states to ensure that "the maximum average sound level at venues does not exceed 100 decibels and people have convenient access to quiet zones".

The February 20 letter of the DGHS deals at length with hearing damage. He says, "An important but often overlooked health issue is hearing loss associated with using earphones and headphones, especially affecting the younger age group. Recent studies have shown that prolonged and excessive exposure to loud music and other sounds through personal audio devices can lead to irreversible hearing damage."

Ministry advice
Well-fitted or noise-cancelling headphones recommended to allow audio streaming in low decibels
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Assessing hearing acuity, check-ups to detect hearing loss early to enable care

He wants people to make "preventive visits for assessing hearing acuity, check-ups to detect hearing loss early to enable effective treatment options".

"Once hearing is permanently impaired, normal hearing will never be restored by hearing aids or cochlear implants. Further, persistent tinnitus from a young age can lead to diverse psychological issues, including but not limited to depression," he states.

The letter says individuals may also develop a persistent ear ringing or buzzing noise called tinnitus due to prolonged unsafe use.

Suggesting states and medical colleges take 10 steps to help prevent hearing loss and tinnitus due to prolonged use of earphones/earplugs, Prof. Goel says, "discourage unnecessary use of wired and/or Bluetooth earplugs/headphones (even as normal volumes), that leads to impair hearing, even permanent hearing loss."

Highlighting online gaming and social media use among children, the DGHS says people, especially parents, should be informed about increasing get-together time to focus on family and social interactions.

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Pig butchering scam: New cyber fraud to target youth, students, housewives

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Centre has issued an alert against a new cyber fraud module called 'pig butchering scam' which has been targeting unemployed youth, students and those desperate for money, often forcing them into cyber slavery, officials said on Wednesday.

This module was also flagged in the latest annual report published by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) last month, they said, adding, unscrupulous entities are using Google services platforms to initiate these crimes.

"According to reports from the cyber intelligence wing, a new online fraud module known as 'Pig Butchering Scam' or 'Investment Scam' has been noticed doing rounds in the cyber space, which target unemployed youths, housewives, students and needy people, who are made to either lose large sums of money daily or enticed to do cyber slavery," a senior official said.

He said Google advertisement platform provides a convenient facility for posting targeted advertisement from across the border.

As per officials, the 'Pig Butchering Scam' is a global phenomenon that involves large-scale money laundering and even cyber slavery.

According to sources, it is believed the fraud first originated in China back in 2016. Miscreants target gullible individuals with whom they first build trust over time and then convince them to invest in cryptocurrencies or some other lucrative scheme, stealing the money collected. Officials said, the analogy to pig butchering is derived from the fattening of swine before their slaughter.

In this mode of cyber fraud, cybercriminals, after acquiring the trust of victim individuals, also bring them on board and engages them in different kinds of online crime as slaves.

Officials said once the trend came to light, the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the MHA has partnered with Google to share the threat intelligence for urgent action periodically to effectively deal with the menace.

Besides Google, cybercriminals are also using sponsored Facebook links to launch illegal lending applications in India, officials said, adding that such links are being proactively identified and flagged for necessary action.

TO FATTEN BEFORE SLAUGHTER

- Believed to have originated in China in 2016, the scam involves building trust with victim over time before convincing them to 'invest'
- **Cyber Slavery:** Victims are often enticed into becoming a partner in crime or coerced into criminal activities
- Cybercriminals create hyperlinks on big tech and social media platforms like Google, Facebook, others
- I4C under MHA has tied up with Google, others to share threat intelligence for urgent action periodically

TIGRESS LYCHED

A two-year-old tigress that strayed into a village in the buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in UP and attacked two villagers was allegedly clubbed to death by locals on Wednesday, officials said, adding, a case has been lodged against unknown persons.

87 FIREARMS SURRENDERED IN SEVEN MANIPUR DISTRICTS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	22	Mumbai	36	26
Bhopal	31	18	Panaji	36	24
Jaipur	30	21	Patna	29	20
Amritsar	19	14	Lucknow	31	19
Chennai	31	28	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	29	22	Imphal	27	11
Srinagar	05	02	Chandigarh	21	17

● Expansion takes place two days after PM Modi's visit to Bhagalpur to release aid to farmers ● Party aims to emerge single largest in polls

7 new BJP faces in Nitish cabinet

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday expanded his cabinet, inducting as ministers seven MLAs from alliance partner Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). With this, the strength of his ministry increased to 36 in the 243-member Bihar assembly.

The cabinet expansion took place two days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bhagalpur on February 24, where he transferred PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to bank accounts of nearly 9.8 crore farmers and launched development projects in poll-bound Bihar.

At a simple ceremony organised at Raj Bhawan, Governor Arif Mohammad Khan administered the oath of office and secrecy to the inductees. The portfolios will be allocated to newly inducted ministers soon. Region and caste equations significantly influenced the selection of names for ministerial berths.

Sanjay Saraogi (Darbhanga), Jibesh Mishra (Jale), Raju Singh (Sahebganj), Krishna Kumar Mantu (Amnour), Motilal Prasad, Dr Sunil (Biharsharif) and Vijay Mandal (Sikti) are the new ministers. Four of them are from Other Backward Classes, and the rest include a Bhumihar, a Rajput and an EBC. The last cabinet expansion occurred on March 15, 2024, when 21 ministers—nine from Nitish's JD(U) and 12 from BJP—were inducted. Two deputy chief ministers—Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha—were sworn in. It happened 46 days after Nitish snapped ties with the Grand Alliance (RJD is part of it) and formed a new government with the BJP on January 28, 2024.

Mithilanchal remained focused while finalising the list of the seven MLAs. Two legislators, Sanjay Saraogi and Jibesh Mishra, belong to the region. Even Modi emphasised Mithilanchal's development during his address in Bhagalpur. He even mentioned Makhana, a Mithilanchal product, which was mentioned in the Union Budget. He was wooing voters from that region, which was considered a bastion of the opposition RJD.

Wednesday's cabinet expansion has been done keeping the state assembly elections in mind. "NDA is jubilant and wants to continue its winning spree after its impressive win in Delhi assembly polls," said a political analyst. He said the Bihar election was crucial for the NDA given the formidable challenge from the opposition, which comprised RJD, Congress, VIP, and Left parties.

Hours before the cabinet reshuffle, Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Dilip Jaiswal resigned from his post, saying, "I quit the post under the party's one-man-one-post rule". However, he will continue as the state BJP chief.

Bihar Governor Arif Mohammed Khan with CM Nitish Kumar during the swearing-in ceremony of new cabinet ministers in Patna on Wednesday | PTI

Guv administers oath of office to inductees

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BJP's Bihar plank faces hurdle from Lalu's 'M-Y' formula, Bhumihar base

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AFTER the BJP's success in Delhi assembly elections, its next major goal is to emerge as the single-largest party in Bihar polls due in October-November. BJP's senior central leaders said the party's strategy is to make a dent in RJD's MY (Muslim-Yadav) base and reach out to Yadav voters constituting 17% of population.

With the induction of seven ministers into the state cabinet on Wednesday, the BJP, a major ally of the NDA with JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar as CM, has started making noticeable representations to dominant castes, including Bhumihars, in the government.

"All the BJP MLAs inducted are those whose influence across their castes cannot be overlooked. Their words in their areas are taken seriously by their communities," a senior BJP functionary said.

Despite these initial efforts, the BJP is poised to face challenges to emerge as the state's largest party. "One key challenge for the BJP will be breaking into the RJD's vote bank of Muslims and Yadavs," said political analyst RK Verma from Patna. "While BJP and its allies have worked hard to expand their influence, RJD has been successful in consolidating its traditional votes in addition to making inroads into upper castes," Verma added.

For BJP, the most concerning issue is its lack of an influential leader like Nitish or Tejashwi Yadav. "Hardly 2-4% of Yadav votes go to BJP, as it has no leader to make a dent in RJD's Yadav vote bank, with a majority of the community considering Lalu Yadav as their leader," he said.

Political observers say RJD is making significant inroads into upper castes, particularly Bhumihars. "Once a solid vote base for BJP and JD(U), Bhumihars are now drifting towards RJD. This is significant for the opposition and being aided by growing discontent among Bhumihars over their sidelining in key positions," said Nawal Kishor Thakur, a political observer.

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NC MLA's Bill seeks quota rationalisation

With the Omar Abdullah government already on the defensive after three members submitted a Private Members Bill in Assembly on liquor ban, the ruling NC legislator Dr Bashir Ahmed Veeri has submitted a Private Member's Bill seeking rationalisation of reservation. The Bill seeks capping reservation quotas at 40% for reserved categories and 60% for Open Merit. The reservation policy introduced by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha administration before Assembly polls last year has reduced the Open Merit category to mere 30% and increased the quota for reserved categories to 70%.

Law department to vet legislative proposals

As the Budget session of J&K Assembly is set to start from March 3, J&K's department of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs has directed officials to submit proposals, which require recommendation of the L-G under section 36 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, well in advance to LG's Secretariat. The Law department has said it was necessary that draft Bills and other legislative proposals, which are intended to be introduced in the ensuing Budget Session and require legal vetting, ought to be referred to the Law department much before commencing of the Budget Session.

BJP MLAs to undergo two-day training

Ahead of the maiden Budget session of J&K UT Assembly, all BJP MLAs will undergo training at the party's two-day 'Prashikshan Shivir' in Katra from February 28. The workshop will focus on key public issues, legislative strategy and the legislative party's approach in the Assembly, setting the tone for an active and engaged participation. The workshop was necessitated as most of party MLAs are first timers and need to be apprised of Assembly rules, regulations and approach. Of the 29 BJP MLAs elected, one of whom has died since, 19 are first time MLAs. BJP national president J P Nadda and top leaders will inform the MLAs about legislative business.

Uproar over Punjabi language in Class X board

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A political controversy erupted in the state after the Punjab government and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Wednesday alleged that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had allegedly dropped Punjabi from the list of subjects for the Class 10 Board exams in the new draft norms while the board officials maintained that the list was only indicative and no subjects would be dropped.

Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains criticised the CBSE for dropping the language from its draft scheme for a twice-a-year board exam format in accordance with the new education policy. He alleged that the policy was attempting to drop Punjabi from the subjects' list and claimed that his government would not tolerate any attack on the language.

Former Punjab Education Minister and senior SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema said it was shocking to see that the CBSE removed Punjabi as a regional language option for students. Meanwhile, the CBSE has clarified that there is no change in the subjects currently offered for Class X board examinations, following concerns over the exclusion of Punjabi (code 004) from a newly issued draft policy.

Woman raped inside bus parked 100 metres from police station in Pune

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A 26-year-old woman was allegedly raped inside a parked state transport bus at the crowded Swargate bus station in Pune, by a man with a criminal background. The Pune police, with the help of CCTV footage, identified the accused as Dattatraya Gade, who is charged with criminal activity, including theft and chain-snatching.

Multiple police teams have been formed to apprehend the culprit. According to Pune police, the woman was waiting for her bus early Tuesday when Gade approached her and struck a conversation. After learning about her destination, he misled her by saying that her bus to Paithan will arrive on a different platform. Under the pretense of guiding her to the "correct" platform, he led to a secluded place, 100 metres from a police station, where the bus was parked.

Gade followed the woman inside the bus, locked the door and assaulted her. The woman's cries for help went unheard as the area was deserted. Later, under the cover of darkness, the accused fled the scene.

Taking immediate action, Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik ordered an inquiry and suspended all 23 security guards stationed at the bus station.

A probe has also been initiated against the Swargate depot manager and the traffic controller. A detailed report on their accountability will be submitted within a week to the Transport Commissioner, based on which further actions will be determined.

The Oppositions raised concerns about the deteriorating law and order situation and women's safety. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Vasant More said, "The incident took place in front of a security cabin. If a woman can be raped right in front of a security cabin, nobody has the right to be there," he said.

Deputy CM Ajit Pawar termed the incident "extremely shameful, painful, and infuriating for every member of a civilized society".

"The crime is unforgivable, and there can be no punishment except death penalty. I have personally instructed the Pune Police Commissioner to closely monitor the probe. CM Devendra Fadnavis also provided the police with necessary instructions," Pawar said.

UNION CARBIDE

SC to hear plea against disposal of waste in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Supreme Court will hear on Thursday a petition challenging the transportation, planned disposal of the 358 metric tons toxic waste of Bhopal's defunct Union Carbide plant at a treatment-storage-disposal-facility (TSDF) in western Madhya Pradesh's industrial town Pithampur.

The double judge bench will hear the plea filed by Indore-based Gandhian activist Chinmay Mishra. The trial run of disposing 30 metric tons of the Union Carbide's toxic waste was slated for Thursday, as per the February 18 order by the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

"We'll wait for the Supreme Court directives and act accordingly," Indore divisional commissioner Deepak Singh told this newspaper on Wednesday.

A senior government official said that police contingent has been deployed across the Pithampur industrial town, including three companies of the state police's special armed force. The SC had asked the MP government and state pollution control board to inform it about the precautions taken for disposal of waste of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy in Pithampur area of state's Dhar district.

Abhishek named in CBI chargesheet of job scam in Bengal

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE CBI in its third supplementary chargesheet mentions Trinamool Congress leader **Abhishek Banerjee**'s name in the investigation into the teachers' recruitment scam.

After examining the voice of Sujay Krishna Bhadra, popularly known as Kaku, the probe agency mentions that Abhishek asked Kaku to provide ₹15 crore for primary teachers' recruitment. As per the chargesheet, which this newspaper has accessed, Tapas Kumar Mondal revealed that Kuntal Ghosh, close to Bhadra, had collected money from him to hand it over to Bhadra. Ghosh was a Yuva Trinamool leader. Abhishek's lawyer Sanjoy Bose said, "Though my client is cooperating with the CBI, it deliberately defamed him. We will sort it out legally."

The agency submitted the 7,000-page supplementary chargesheet against Bhadra on Friday before the special CBI court. Bhadra was charged under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in connection with the irregularities in the recruitment of teachers and staff in government-aided schools in Bengal.

The charge sheet mentions that in 2019 a meeting was held at the Behala residence of Bhadra, which was joined by two others, Kuntal Ghosh and Shantanu Bhandhyopadhyay. On the request of Ghosh, the conversation at the meeting was video recorded .The CBI got the recording.

On February 18, the Calcutta High Court granted conditional bail to Bhadra, the prime accused in the multi-crore cash-for-school job case in West Bengal. Earlier, the HC had granted him bail in the case registered against him by theED. However, Bhadra could not be released from prison since CBI had also shown him as arrested by then.

66 cr take dip of faith in Sangam water in 45 days

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AS the sun rays fell upon the waters of Sangam on the cool Shivaratri morning on Wednesday, the ghats already throbbing with activity, came alive again to sound of conch shells, bells, vedic chants and Bhajans with a sea of humanity rushing to take dip, the last of the six 'maha snans' marking the conclusion of 45-day-long Mahakumbh—the biggest religious congregation on earth.

Mahakumbh, the mega religious gathering that takes place once in 12 years, came to a close with over 66 crore devout Sanatanis taking the dip of faith and salvation at Sangam, the confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati, during the month and a half long event .

Songs and prayers dedicated to Lord Shiva echoed all around with around two crore devotees taking the holy dip on Mahashivratri snan, bringing down the curtains on 45 days of austerity and massive display of religiosity by 13 monastic orders, dollops of glamour and the event which witnessed the making of three Guinness World Records.

Mahakumbh had commenced with Paush Purnima Snan on January 13 and concluded with Mahashivaratri Snan on Wednesday. There were half a dozen major snan days comprising three Amrit Snans – Makar Sankranti (Jan 14), Mauni Amavasya (Jan 29) and Basant Panchami (Feb 3). The other three major snans included the inaugural Paush Purnima on January 13, Maghi Purnima on February 12 and finally, Mahashivratri on February 26.

The religious extravaganza witnessed convergence of VVIPs, including President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, CMs, scores of other top politicians, actors, business tycoons, foreign delegates, off shore devotees and diplomats on the banks of Sangam taking the holy dip of faith.

With meticulous arrangements by the mela police ensuring security and order, Mahakumbh-2025 transcended the definition of being just a religious gathering. It rather emerged as a profound symbol of social unity and the spiritual strength of Sanatan society.

According to state government data, over 11.66 lakh devotees had immersed themselves in the Sangam waters till 2 am on Mahashivratri.

The number surged to 25.64 lakh in the next two hours and 41.11 lakh by 6 am. By 10 am, 81.09 lakh people had taken the final Mahashivaratri 'snan' at the Sangam.

Mahashivratri, as is, a key occasion for the believers of Sanatan as it commemorates the divine union of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. However, it holds a special place in the Mahakumbh given Lord Shiva's crucial role in the Samudra Manthan (churning of the ocean) which led to the emergence of Amrit Kumbh (the pitcher of nectar), the key essence of the Kumbh Mela.

While the massive congregation of devotees from across the globe had many high points, it was marred by an unfortunate stampede claiming at least 30 lives and injuring 60 during Mauni Amavasya Amrit Sanan on January 29.

Earlier this month, another 18 people died during a stampede at the railway station in New Delhi when surging crowds scrambled to catch trains to Prayagraj.

Gujarat soars as India's bird capital, sets records in diversity, conservation

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

WITH an estimated 18 to 20 lakh birds thriving across its landscapes, Gujarat has cemented its reputation as a haven for avian life. At the heart of this biodiversity surge, Nal Sarovar emerged as a prime hotspot, recording over 3.62 lakh birds.

Meanwhile, Devbhoomi Dwarka boasted the highest species count at 456, and Kutch recorded the largest bird population, surpassing 4.56 lakh. The state's latest bird survey documented over 300 species, underscoring its rich ecological tapestry. Conservation efforts are also yielding results, with more than 1 lakh birds rescued under the 'Karuna Abhiyan' initiative. Adding to the state's pioneering role, Jamnagar became the first to conduct a coastal-Kichdia bird count census.

Kutch follows closely, hosting about 4.56 lakh birds of 161 species, while Jamnagar supports over 4 lakh birds across 221 species. Bird hotspots like Nal Sarovar, Nada Bet, Boriya Bet, and Thol have become home to over 50,000 local and migratory birds, with Ahmedabad alone sheltering more than 3.65 lakh birds of over 250 species. The Nada Bet Wetland Complex further strengthens Gujarat's ecological standing, hosting over 1 lakh birds.

Additionally, Ramsar sites such as Chhari Dhandh in Kutch and Mokarsagar in Porbandar provide safe havens for over 30,000 birds each, reinforcing the state's commitment to bird conservation. The rise in migratory bird numbers is striking—Thol Bird Sanctuary saw a surge from 31,380 birds in 2010 to over 1.11 lakh in 2024, while Nal Sarovar witnessed an increase from 1.31 lakh to 3.62 lakh birds in the same period. This growth reflects a 355% and 276% increase in migratory populations at Thol and Nal Sarovar, respectively.

Meanwhile, Khijdia Bird Sanctuary now hosts over 1.50 lakh birds, further strengthening Gujarat's role in avian preservation. Playing a pivotal role in the state's Ramsar sites, Nal Sarovar and Khijdia recorded 228 and 200 bird species, respectively, during the latest census. The winter season brings Barrel-Headed Swans from the Himalayas, while Jamnagar's climate attracts marsh flamingos, pelicans, and cranes.

Along Gujarat's coastline, the thriving mangrove ecosystem fosters biodiversity, supporting both resident and migratory birds. To conserve this avian wealth, the Gujarat Forest Department leverages the eBird platform, regularly updating bird diversity data in collaboration with NGOs, universities, and ornithologists.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. CE-Con-RSP-SER-LC-122. Chief Engineer/SD & RSP, S.E. Railway invites e-tenders for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** & the tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. (IST) on 24.03.2025. **Brief Description of works :** Construction of connecting Road and ramp (ROB Proper with composite girder of span-18.0m and Approach portion) in lieu of LC 122 at Km 214/13-15 to existing ROB in lieu of LC 121 at Km. 213/21-23 between Galudih-Ghatshila Station of Kharagpur Division in jurisdiction of Road Safety Project Unit (RSPU), South Eastern Railway. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 16.26 Crore. **Bid Security :** ₹ 9.63 lakh. **Period of Completion :** 12 months from the date of issue of LOA. Interested tenders may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their Bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-1180)**

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF PROPERTY DOCUMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: is hereby given to the general public that my client **Mr. ABDUL HIDAYATHULLA,** S/o Mr. Abdul Khaliq, # 07, Dar-al-Tehzib, 1st Cross, Mattar Lane, HBR Layout, 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 045, has lost the previous original **SALE DEED** registered as No.22371/2003, CD No.146, dated: 29-09-2003, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Pertaining to the Residential Property bearing H.L. Khata No.386, Site No.13, New No.198, (Earlier forming a portion of Assessment Nos.196 & 199, later forming Eastern Portion of Site No.13) situated at **6th Cross, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Al Hilal Nagar, Kacharkanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk**, now under limits of Ward No.24 of BBMP, **MEASURING** East to West: 15 ft, North to South: 48 ft, totally measuring 720 Sq.ft and bounded on the: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property (Earlier Western Portion of Site No.13), **North by:** Property belonging to Mr. Arasu, and **South by:** Road.

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Mr. ABDUL HIDAYATHULLA, # 07, Dar-al-Tehzib, 1st Cross, Mattar Lane, HBR Layout, 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 045, C/o SAMARA ASSOCIATES # 492, Anand Complex, 1st Floor, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road, Bangalore – 560 045, **Mob: 9880225027 / 8553333724.**

SAMARA ASSOCIATES
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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

Original Application No.1939/2024
STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, J.C. Road, Bangalore. **...Applicant**
Versus
Smt. Manjula K and Another ...Defendant

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Smt. Manjula K W/o. N. B. Chandrashekaraiah,
2. Sri N. B. Chandrashekaraiah S/o. Bhadraiah,
Both are R/at :No. 24, 1st Main, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560 098.
Also at : No. 16, 'Manasvini', BEML 7th Stage, Krishana Garden Main Road, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 059.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debt and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.84,94,812/-** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **07.05.2025 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **04.02.2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Mrs. Malini Vinay

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE -(DRT-II)

4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001

O.A. No.1929/2023

In the matter of : **STATE BANK OF INDIA,** Moodbidri Branch, Represented by its Chief Manager, Mrs. Jayanthi A., Stessed Asset Recovery Branch, (SARB) JC Road, Bangalore - 560 002, Email ID : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in, PAN No. AAACS8577K, IFSC Code : SBIN0005173, Mobile No. 9448993207. **...Applicant**
AND
Mrs. Jyothi Rai & Others....Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT No. 1 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To : Mr. Jyothi Rai, D/o. Raghunatha Rai, R/at Radient Prime Rose Apts, 202, II Floor, 22nd Main, 2nd Cross, JP Nagar, V Phase, Bangalore - 560 078. **...Defendant No. 1**

1. WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against Defendant for Recovery sum of **Rs.46,28,089/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand and Eighty Nine Only)

2. The above mentioned Defendant are directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorised agent in support of your defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **25.06.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed should not be granted.

3.Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this the **04.02.2025** at Bangalore.

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BANGALORE

Case No : O.A. No.968/2024

Summons under sub-section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub - Rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules,1993

Between : State Bank of India **...Applicant**
And:
Sri Sunder Singh **....Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

To : Sri Sunder Singh, S/o. Mohan Singh, R/o No. 63, 1st Floor Abhyudaya Residency -2, Bommanahalli Village, Budigere Cross, Bangalore East - 560 049.
And Also at : Kuruburu Village, Muruburu Hobli, T. Narasipura Taluq, Near Govt. School, T. Narasipura, Mysore district - 571 124.
And Also at: No. 029, Block-C Block, Ground Flor, Pinnacle, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East - 560 049.

Whereas, this Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum **Amount of debt in Rs.1,05,09,273/-** Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **02.06.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this the **21st day of January 2025.**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II

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BENJAMIN DISRAELI

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BANGALORE

Case No : O.A. No.951/2024

Summons under sub-section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub - Rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules,1993

Between : State Bank of India **...Applicant**
And:
Sri Guruprasad M & Other **....Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

To : Sri Guruprasad M, S/o. Munireddy N., R/o No. 508, AVS Reddy Building, SGR Defntal College Road, Near Water Tank, Munnena Kollalu, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037.
And Also at : REFDNIJV India Sharep Pvt Ltd., RMZ Infinity, Old Madras Road, Gopalan Mall, Bangalore - 560 016.
2. M/s. Sri Vanishelters, Rep by its Managing Director, Mr. K. Pradeep Kumar S/o. Sri Kurra Jayarami Reddy Having its regd Office situated at No. 26/2, Kembhathalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Anjanapura, Bangalore - 560 083.

Whereas, this Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum **Amount of debt in Rs.49,28,852/-** Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **09.06.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this the **21st day of January 2025.**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಪ್ರಸರಣ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಸಿ.ಐ.ಎನ್.: ಯು40109ಕೆಎ1999ಎಸ್‌ಜಿಸಿ025521)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ/ಐ16/44953/2023–24 (Document Verification) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.02.2025

ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ವಿಷಯ : ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿರಿಯ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಪರಿಚಾರಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕಿರಿಯ ಪವರ್‌ಮ್ಯಾನ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ/ಐ16/44953/2023–24 (KK) & (NKK) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.10.2024.
2. ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ/ಐ16/44953/2023–24 (KK) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.12.2024.

ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ/ಐ16/44953/2023–24 (KK) & (NKK) ದಿನಾಂಕ 14.10.2024 ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ 20.12.2024 ರ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಪ್ರಸರಣ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿರಿಯ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಪರಿಚಾರಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕಿರಿಯ ಪವರ್‌ಮ್ಯಾನ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಚಿತ ರಿಕ್ತ ಸ್ಥಾನಗಳ 1:5 ರ ಅನುಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುದ್ದೆವಾರು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳನ್ನು, ಕಟ್–ಆಫ್ ಅಂಕಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಆನ್–ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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2. 1:5 ರ ಅನುಪಾತದ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಆನ್–ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ / ಸಹಿ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಾದಲ್ಲಿ, Document upload module ನಲ್ಲಿ login ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೂಡಲೇ "ನೀವು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಉಂಟಾಗಿದೆಯೇ?" ಎಂಬುವುದಕ್ಕೆ "ಹೌದು" ಎಂಬ ಗುಂಡಿಯನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ, ತಮ್ಮ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಿಯನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
3. 1:5 ರ ಅನುಪಾತದ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ e-sign ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, Document upload module ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಮುನ್ನ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಧಾರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ e-sign ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
4. Digilocker ನ Issued documents ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು fetch ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡ ನಂತರ, ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಲಿಂಕ್ ಅನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ, ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಯನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಸುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿಗಳನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು (Document upload ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಧಾನವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ).
5. Digilocker ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಇರುವಂತಹ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು 500 KB ಮೀರದಂತಹ PDF Document ಗಳಾಗಿ ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದ Document Upload ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಮುಂದೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು.
6. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್–ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ನಂತರ, ತಮ್ಮ ಆಧಾರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ e-sign ಮಾಡುವುದು. e-sign ಮಾಡುವ ಮುನ್ನ, ತಾವು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್–ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಖಾತ್ರಿ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರ ಒಂದು ಮುದ್ರಿತ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು / soft-copy ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಮುಂದುವರೆದು, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. **ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.02.2025 ರಿಂದ 10.03.2025 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.**

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.03.2025 ರ ನಂತರ ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಇವರಿಗೆ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸಿ, ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಿಂದ ಅನರ್ಹಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪೂರ್ಣಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಹನಾ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸಹನಾ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಂತರದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಆಡಳಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾ.ಸಂ.)
ನಿಗಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಕ.ವಿ.ಪ್ರ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ,
ಕೆ. ಜಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560009.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ನ: ಕಗೃಮಂ/ಬೆಗ್ರಾಸಕ/ಕಾಲ/2024-2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05/02/2025

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿಯಿಂದ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟಿಂಗ್ ಸಹಭಾಗಿತ್ವದ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಬಾಗೇಪಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ವರ್ಗದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 391, ಇಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಎಸ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್. ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15/06/2016 ರಂದು ಮರಣ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ಹಿನ್ನಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ನಿವೇಶನವನ್ನು ದಿವಂಗತರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಕ್ಕತ್ತಮ್ಮ ಇವರ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿದ್ದು ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಕರಾರು/ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯು ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ತಕರಾರು ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಬಾರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮೃತರ ವಾರಸುದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಕ್ಕತ್ತಮ್ಮ ರವರಿಗೆ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಡಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಹಾಗೂ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಕರಾರು/ಮನವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

Original Application No.1835/2024
STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, J.C. Road, Bangalore. **...Applicant**
Versus
Mr. Shaik Mohammed Areef ...Defendant

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Mr. Shaik Mohammed Areef S/o. Mr. S Abdul Rasheed, aged about 31 years, R/at No. 402, 2nd Floor, 22nd Main, 9th Cross, HSR Layout Sector, Bengaluru - 560 102.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debt and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.30,32,945/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Five Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **23.05.2025 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **29.01.2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Mrs. Malini Vinay

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Kavita W/o Sri. Shivaji Gopal Rao, intend to purchase the vacant land which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and referred to as the schedule property from its lawful owners Smt. Channamma, W/o Sri. Late. Dodda Pillappa, and her son Sri. Devaraju .A.D residing at Mylanahalli Village, Bandikodihalli Post, Jala Hobli, Yalahanaka Taluk, Bangalore.

Whoever, having any claims, rights, interest over the schedule property and the persons likely to be effected by the said transaction, may file their objections to the undersigned along with documentary proof against their claims within 15 days, from this date and if no valid objections are received within the stipulated time my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature from any one in any manner.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant land bearing Survey No. 42/3, situated at Ammanikere grama, BK Halli, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bangalore measuring 06.00 guntas and the bounded on:
East By : Channarayappa's Land,
West By : Munishamappa's Land,
North By : Same Portion of Land,
South By : Doddanarayanappa's Land.

RAMACHANDRA .D.C, Advocates
No. 1, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore - 560 002. Mob: 9900935459

CORRIGENDUM

This is in reference to the Demand notice advertisement published in this newspaper on 25.02.2025 against the borrower Mrs. Mopuri Shilpa, Mr. Rolla Doddanarasappagari Krishnamurthy, (Prospect No. IL10650898) in which the Prospect No. was erroneously mentioned as Prospect No. IL11065089 instead of **Prospect No. IL10650898** All other details will remain the same. Inconvenience is regretted.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Date : 27.02.2025 **For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. : SRC-C-Pest3, dated 25.02.2025. Area Manager, Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division, acting through the President of India invites open tender, under two-packet system for the subject work through e-tendering in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. Eligible tenderers are requested to apply for the same through online only in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. **Name of the work :** Pest & Rodent control, in railway coaches maintained at Santragachi and Rodent control in yards and Railway premises at Santragachi for a period of 03 (three) years. **Tender Value:** ₹ 3,37,05,100.56 (including GST). **EMD :** ₹ 3,18,500/-. **Closing Date of tender :** 19.03.2025 at 12:00 hrs. **Cost of Tender Document :** ₹ 10,000/- (non-refundable). **(PR-1181)**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. 952/Gadag/EE(E)/V.No./2024-25/7440 **Date: 24.02.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Operations Division, Gadag:

(1) Overhauling Kit for Pneumatic Drive Mechanism of 110KV Circuit Breakers at **110KV S/s Lakshmeshwar. (2)** Supplying of 110KV Lightning Arrestor at **110KV S/s Dambal. (3)** Repair/Reconditioning of 110KV Class Isolators at **110KV S/s Naregal. (4)** Repair of RTCC Panel at **110KV S/s Betageri. (5)** Supply of 11KV, 3Ph Indoor Potential Transformer for 11KV Bank-3 at **110KV S/s Dambal. (6)** Supplying of Surge Counters at **110KV S/s Dambal. (7)** Supplying of Siemens make 11KV breaker spare materials at **110KV S/s Betageri. (8)** Repair/Reconditioning of 110KV Class Isolators at **110KV S/s Ron. (9)** Overhauling of 110KV Betageri Line SF6 breaker Y Phase Limb at **110KV S/s Naregal. (10)** Supplying of 02 No's of 220KV Class , 198KV Lightening Arrestors at **220KV S/s Gadag. (11)** Supplying of 02 No's of 96KV, 110KV Class Lightening Arrestors at **220KV S/s Gadag. (12)** Supplying of 03 Nos of 11kV Current Transformers for 11KV Bank & feeder at **110kV S/s Dambal. (13)** Supplying of 220KV Isolators & Post Insulators at **220KV S/s Gadag. (14)** Supply of 220KV Isolator Female Contacts & 220KV Terminal Connector at **400KV S/s Doni. (15)** Arresting Oil leakage of 20MVA 110/33KV Power Transformer T&R make transformer at **110KV S/s Bellatti. (16)** Supplying of Wall Entry Bushing for 11KV Circuit Breakers at **110KV S/s Lakshmeshwar. (17)** Supply & Fixing of MOG of 10MVA 110/11KV Transformer & WTI of 10MVA Transformer-3 at **110KV S/s Mundargi.**

Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **27-02-2025 at 10:00Hrs onwards.** Due date: **13-03-2025 at 04:00 pm.**

Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Ele,
Operations Division, KPTCL, Bapuji Nagar, Gadag - 582 103

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: EEE/PDN/AEE-4/2024-25/7101-03 **Date: 24.02.2025**

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTICE

KPTCL has laid **"66kV SC 1000Sqmm UG cable from the existing 66/11kV Budigere substation to the proposed 66/11kV Mandur substation for a route length of 9.025kms"** in Bengaluru Rural District which will be energized on or after **03.03.2025**

CABLE ROUTE: - Mandur Grama Panchayath Road, Devanahalli Main Road(KRDCL Road), Budigere Grama Panchayath Road road up to 66/11kV Budigere Sub-station.

Hence the General public/BBMP/Any public or State Government/Private Organizations are here by informed to keep away from the above EHT UG cable route and not to undertake any excavation in the above mentioned cable route without notice to the KPTCL.

Any untoward incidents or accidents which may occur during the course of excavation/executing the work by any agency along the cable route without following guidelines, **the KPTCL will not be held responsible** and damage charges for the KPTCL assets shall be Borne by the executing body/ agency only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elec),
Project Division - North, KPTCL, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Captain (now Commodore) George Kailath, IN (Retd.), S/o late Mamman Mamman Kailath, and Mrs. Ranjini Kailath, W/o George Kailath,** both residing at No. 135, Rahath Bagh Enclave, off Old Madras Road, C. V. Raman Nagar, BANGALORE - 560 093 have lost the original registered documents, namely:

a) Sale Deed dated 02/01/1982 bearing Regd.Doc.No.7247/1981-82, Book I, Volume 3561 at Pages 31-36, Office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk

b) Sale Deed dated 02/01/1982 bearing Regd.Doc.No. 7246/1981-82, Book I, Volume 3552, at Pages 65-71, Office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk

c) Rectification Deed dated 27/10/2021 bearing Regd.Doc.No. RJN-1-07312/2021-22, Office of the Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore

d) Rectification Deed dated 27/10/2021 bearing Regd.Doc.No. RJN-1-07310/2021-22, Office of the Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore

e) Special Power of Attorney of Capt. George Kailath dated 16/12/1981, Regd.Doc.No.5531, Book 4, Pages 68-70, Sub-Registrar, New Delhi

f) Special Power of Attorney of Mrs. Ranjini Kailath dated 16/12/1981, Regd.Doc.No.5530, Book 4, Pages 65-67, Sub-Registrar, New Delhi

The above-mentioned registered documents pertain to the immovable properties being **(i)** All that piece and parcel of vacant residential Site bearing **No. 52-A**, presently bearing BBMP Khatha bearing Sl. No. 715/Site No. 52-A/Survey No. 28, 29, 30, 31 in BBMP Ward No. 14 (Bagalagunte), comprised in a private layout known as NAVY LAYOUT, Chimney Hills, formed out of residentially converted land bearing Old Survey No. 11, New Survey Nos. 28, 29, 30 & 31 (converted vide Official Memorandum No. B. DIS. ALN. SR 537 and 543 Dated 18-01-1964 and amended Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN SR 32/1980-81 Dated 31-07-1981 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at **Seededahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** and **(ii)** All that piece and parcel of vacant residential Site bearing **No. 52-B,** presently bearing BBMP Khatha bearing Sl. No. 716/Site No. 52-B/Survey No. 28, 29, 30, 31 in BBMP Ward No. 14 (Bagalagunte), comprised in a private layout known as NAVY LAYOUT, Chimney Hills, formed out of residentially converted land bearing Old Survey No. 11, New Survey Nos. 28, 29, 30 & 31 (converted vide Official Memorandum No. B. DIS. ALN. SR 537 and 543 Dated 18-01-1964 and amended Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN SR 32/1980-81 Dated 31-07-1981 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at **Seededahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.**

Any person having possession of the said documents shall hand over the same to the undersigned or having any manner of claim in respect of the said property shall lodge the objections within **15 days** from today, failing which it shall be deemed that nobody else has any kind of claim and the certified copies obtained from the Sub Registrar's office will be treated as original hence forth towards the sale of the property. A Lost Documents Report bearing Reference No. Petition No. 26/25, GSC No. PO1411250600100, dated 12/02/2025 has been filed with Karnataka State Police, Byappanahalli Police Station, Bangalore City.

Sd/-
George Varughese, Advocate,
67, Ramakrishnappa Road, Cox Town, Bangalore - 560 005

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Buildings (C & M) Circle, Tirunelveli– 627 002.
Notice Inviting e-Tender (Lumpsum- Pre-Qualification (Two Cover System)Rate Tender system)
Short Term e-Tender Notice No:20 SE /Buildings (C & M) Circle / Tirunelveli / 2024-2025 /Date: 25.02.2025.

For and On behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C & M) circle, Tirunelveli-2 from the eligible Registered Contractors of PWD., for Three works

1. For details of work, e-Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Visit **https://tntenders.gov.in**
2. Tender Documents available at website for Sl.No.1, 28.02.2025 to 06.03.2025 upto 3.00 P.M. & Sl.No.2 & 3, 04.03.2025 to 18.03.2025 upto 3.00 P.M
3. Last Date & Time for submission of Tender Documents Sl.No.1, 06.03.2025 upto 3.00 P.M. & Sl.No.2 & 3, 18.03.2025 upto 3.00 P.M
4. Date & Time for Opening of the e-Tender Sl.No.1, 07.03.2025 upto 3.30 P.M.& Sl.No.2 & 3, 19.03.2025 upto 3.30 P.M

DIPR / 771 / TENDER / 2025

Superintending Engineer, PWD.,
Buildings (C & M) circle, Tirunelveli-2

Government of Tamil Nadu
Highways Department

Superintending Engineer (H)
Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle,
Saidapet, Chennai - 15

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: 14/2024-25/CMDP/DO/Dated:25.02.2025

(Online Only)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender under Two cover system through online only for Division-I work of "Forming Link Road Connecting Rajiv Gandhi Salai and ECR km 1/000 to 1/450 (phase II)** will be received upto **07.04.2025, 14.00 Hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai -15

Detailed Scope of work, approximate value, EMD, availability of tender document and all other details are available from **05.03.2025** onwards in the Government website **https://www.tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
CMDP Circle,
Saidapet, Chennai - 15

DIPR/765/Tender/2025

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Salem-7

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.39/2024-2025/SDO, Dated:25.02.2025

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Two Cover System of Scheduled tender through online only will be received **upto 18.03.2025 - 15.00 hours** (as per system server clock) by the Superintending Engineer (H), NABARD & Rural Roads, Salem Circle under the scheme **CRIDP for the year 2023-2024 - Construction of Road Over Bridge at Km 1/8 of Namakkal Bypass road Km 0/8-2/2 including Railway Portion at Railway Km 47/5-6 in between Kalangani and Namakkal Railway Stations in SA - KRR section in the mainwork of "Forming Bypass to Namakkal town km 0/8-6/0 (Phase-II)" in Salem (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 28.02.2025** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
NABARD and Rural Roads circle,
Salem-7

DIPR/770/TENDER/2025

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC MRC NAGAR (17193),
No.4, Santhome High Road, Mylapore,
Chennai - 600004
Phone: 044-28982008,
Email Id: sbi.17193@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE under Rule - 8(1) (for immovable Property)

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Residential / CBS Address : (Property -1 Borrower): Mr. M. Ramani (Borrower), S/o. Meenakshi Sundaram, Flat No.11, Plot No. 40 / 69, Ramraj 1st Main Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Near Billroth Hospital,Chennai-600028. **KYC Address: (Property -1 Borrower) :** 17/6, C.K.V.I Apartments, Shivaram Nagar, Thiruvanaikal, Srirangam,Trichy-620005. **Office Address: (Property -1 Borrower) :** Employee Code:127654,Vice President & Chief Information Officer, Chola Ms General Insurance Co Ltd, Second Floor, Dare House, No 2, Nsc Bose Road, Chennai-600001. **Property Address-1: (Borrower):** Flat No:1001, Tower-1, 10th Floor, Ceebros One 74, Sathyadev Avenue Extn, MRC Nagar Main Road, R.A.Puram, Chennai - 600028. **Residential / CBS address : (Property-2 Borrower) : Mrs. Lakshmi. MS.** W/o. Meenakshi Sundaram, 17/6, C.K.V.I Apartments, Shivaram Nagar, Thiruvanaikal, Srirangam, Trichy-620005. **Property Address-2: (Borrower / (Co-Borrower): Mrs. Lakshmi. MS (Borrower) .** W/o.Meenakshi Sundaram, and **Mr.M.Ramani (Co-Borrower)** S/o. Meenakshi Sundaram, Flat No VF- 1201, 12th Floor, Block II, Vivaldi - Purva Venezia, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064.

1. EB-Home Loan Sep 19 Ac/no: 37845933169, 2. EB-Insta Home Topup (Yono) May Ac/no: 39573594718, in the name of Mr. Ramani.M (Borrower) at our Raja Annamalaipuram (Chennai) Branch (01855) linked with RACPC MRC Nagar (17193) and 3. EB-Home Topup Sep 19 Ac/no: 37924302828, 4. EB HL CRE Sep 19 Ac/no: 37845905267, in the name of Mrs. Lakshmi Meenakshi Sundaram (Borrower) and M.Ramani (Co-Borrower) at our Raja Annamalaipuram (Chennai) Branch (01855) linked with RACPC MRC Nagar (17193), Demand Notice Date: 19.12.2024 as per demand Notice Amount: as on 19.12.2024, Rs.4,42,12,931/-, Date of Possession: 24.02.2025, Total Amount due: Rs.4,49,80,864/- (Rupees Four Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Four only) as on **20.02.2025** and further interest from **21.02.2025** and costs etc., thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Property owned by : Mr.RAMANI M. EB-HOME LOAN SEP19 AC/NO: 37845933169, EB-INSTA HOME TOPUP (YONO) MAY AC/NO: 39573594718.

Property 1 HTL: 37845933169 : SCHEDULE "A" : (Total Property - Vacant Land) : All that piece and parcel of vacant land situated at Door No. 174, Sathyadev Avenue Extension, MRC Nagar Main Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai - 600 028, comprised in Re-Survey No.4288/107 of Block No.94, admeasuring an extent of **21 Grounds and 2258 Sq.ft.,** and Re-Survey No.4288/12 of Block No.94, admeasuring an extent of 68 grounds and 1410 Sq.ft., in all admeasuring **90 Grounds and 1268 Sq.ft.,** (as per Patta 90 Grounds and 1260 Sq.ft.,) in Mylapore Village, now Mylapore Taluk, Chennai District, the said land bounded on the: North By : Lands in R.S.No.4288/ 13 and 4288/4, South By : OSR Land and Land in R.S.No.4288/110, East By : 24 Feet Wide Road in Block No. 102, West By : 60 Feet Wide Sathyadev Avenue Extension and situated within the Registration Sub-District of Mylapore and Registration District of Chennai Central.

SCHEDULE "B": (Undivided share of Land in Schedule "A" land hereby conveyed to the PURCHASER(S) under this deed) **660.32 Sq.ft.,** of Undivided Share in the Land described in the Schedule "A" hereinabove.

SCHEDULE "C": (Location of the proposed Apartment and Covered Car Park) Apartment Bearing No." 1001" in the Tenth Floor, of Tower "1" having a super built up area of **2200 Sq.ft., or thereabouts,** which includes share in the common built up area of the Residential Apartments, deck space and together with Two earmarked covered car parks in the 2nd Basement Floor and a lumber room in 2nd Basement floor.

Property - 2 CRE: 37845905267 - Property owned by : Ms. LAKSHMI M S - SCHEDULE-"A" : (Entire Property in which the building is constructed): All that piece and parcel of Municipal Property bearing No. 1327/974/5/2/6/3, 4, 5, 6 in Ward No. 4 of Chikkabomma sandra Sub-Division, Yelahanka Range BBMP, Bangalore and earlier forming part of Sy. No. 5/2, Sy. Nos. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5 and 6/6 of Mandalakunte Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring **935037.78 square feet (86867.13 square meters)** [inclusive of Open Space, Parks and Civic Amenity areas relinquished to BDA in an extent of 233751 Square foot, (21716 square meters)] and bounded as follows:- East: Remaining portion of Survey No. 5/2 and property bearing Survey Nos. 6/1 and 6/2 of Mandalakunte and GKVK property, West: GKVK Property, North :Yeshwanthpura - Yelahanka Road and then property bearing Survey No. 7, South : Village border of Chikka Bommasandra Village.

SCHEDULE-"B" (Property conveyed under this deed) : An undivided **0.063% (Zero Point Zero Six Three Percent)** share **(equivalent to 443.40 Square Feet)** in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE- 'C' : (Description of the Apartment constructed under the Construction Agreement) : A Two Bedroom Apartment bearing No.VF-1201 on the Twelfth Floor in Block II, "VIVALDI" of the residential apartment complex known as "PURVA VENEZIA" constructed on the Schedule "A" property, having a builtup area of **1111 sq.ft** (which is inclusive of balconies and utility space) and proportionate common area of **211 square feet** (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and common areas attributable thereto) together with a covered car parking space.

Date : 24.02.2025 **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**
Place : Chennai **STATE BANK OF INDIA, RACPC MRC NAGAR**

5 Indian-origin men sentenced to jail, canned over brawl at Singapore hotel

GLOBAL WEATHER

City	Max	Min		City	Max	Min	
Beijing	7	-5	SNY	Los Angeles	20	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	SNY	Melbourne	19	15	LC
Dhaka	31	21	SNY	Moscow	-6	-9	LS
Dubai	26	20	LR	New York	-2	-9	SNY
Houston	17	6	LR	Singapore	30	25	LR
Istanbul	7	4	LR	Toronto	-7	-17	LS
London	7	2	SNY	Washington	11	7	LC

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● LS: Light Snow ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

Need clarity on security guarantees, draft mineral deal not final: Ukraine

Full agreement could hinge on talks in Washington as early as Friday, says Zelenskyy

KYIV

A framework economic deal with the United States is ready, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Wednesday, but US security guarantees that Kyiv views as vital for its war with Russia remain to be decided and a full agreement could hinge on talks in Washington as early as Friday.

President Donald Trump said Zelenskyy will visit the White House on Friday to sign the deal that will closely tie the two countries together for years to come. The agreed upon framework deal is a preliminary step toward a comprehensive agreement that will be subject to ratification by Ukraine's parliament, Zelenskyy said during a news conference in Kyiv.

Ukraine needs to know first where the United States stands on its continued military support, Zelenskyy said. He said that he expects to have a wide-ranging conversation with US President Donald Trump during a visit to Washington.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks to journalists during press conference in Kyiv on Wednesday | AP

"This (economic) agreement may be part of future security guarantees, but I want to understand the broader vision. What awaits Ukraine?" Zelenskyy said.

Since returning to office last month, Trump let Ukraine know that he wanted something in return for tens of billions of dollars in US help to fend off the full-scale invasion that Russia launched just over three years ago on February 24, 2022. The agreement, seen by The Associated Press, says that the United States "supports Ukraine's efforts to obtain security guarantees needed to establish lasting peace."

"Participants will seek to identify any necessary steps to protect mutual investments as defined in the ... agreement," it says. A White House official made clear again Wednesday after Zelenskyy spoke that accepting the agreement was a necessary precondition of Trump's invitation to Zelenskyy to meet on Friday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the invitation.

"This agreement may either be a great success or quietly fade away," Zelenskyy said. "And I believe success depends on our conversation with President Trump." "I want to coordinate with the US," Zelenskyy said.

Trump has abruptly ditched some previous Washington policies. He scrapped efforts to isolate Russian President Vladimir Putin and cast doubt on US support for its European allies.

That has brought momentous geopolitical shifts that could reset the war's path this year.

Zelenskyy said the main topics that he wants to discuss with Trump are whether the US plans to halt military aid and, if so, whether Ukraine would be able to purchase weapons directly from the US.

He also wants to know whether Ukraine can use frozen Russian assets for the purchase of weapons and investments and whether Washington plans to lift sanctions on Russia. *AP*

UKRAINE'S MINERAL PROFILE

KYIV AND WASHINGTON HAVE AGREED A DEAL TO GIVE THE UNITED STATES ACCESS TO UKRAINIAN MINERAL RESOURCES. A LOOK AT UKRAINE'S RESOURCE PROFILE

5% of the world's mineral resources are in Ukraine. Not all of them are yet exploited — or easily exploitable — and some lie in Russia-occupied territory

20% of the world's estimated resources of graphite are in Ukraine, according to France's Bureau of Geological and Mining Research (BRGM)

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Zelenskyy

8th The country is the world's eighth largest producer of manganese, according to World Mining Data. It is 11th largest producer of titanium

SIX DEPOSITS

Kyiv said "rare earth metals are known to exist in six deposits" and that $300 million would be needed to develop a deposit at Novopoltavske

ASIA MATTERS

THAILAND

18 DEAD AS BUS OVERTURNS IN PRACHINBURI

A chartered bus overturned in eastern Thailand early Wednesday morning, killing 18 people and injuring 31, officials said. The accident occurred in Prachinburi province during an overnight journey from northern Thailand to coastal Rayong province. The Department of Land Transport said it would coordinate with police in investigating the latest road accident and would intensify inspections of all public transport vehicles. Road safety is a major problem in Thailand, which according to the WHO ranks ninth out of 175 member countries for road traffic deaths

INDONESIA

DEAL STRUCK TO END IPHONE SALES BAN

Indonesia has struck a deal with Apple for the tech giant to invest in the country, its industry minister and the company said Wednesday, in a move that could end a ban on iPhone 16 sales. The government in October prohibited the marketing and sale of the model over failure to meet regulations requiring 40% of phones be made from local parts

SINGAPORE

DEFAMATION SUIT AGAINST MEDIA HOUSE

Two Singapore ministers have filed defamation suits against media company Bloomberg and one of its journalists over a story related to rental of a state-owned bungalow, a media report said on Wednesday. The case filed by Law and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam and Manpower Minister Tan See Leng against Bloomberg and reporter Low De Wei will be heard in the Supreme Court on March 3. The case comes two months after Shanmugam and Tan said they will act against Bloomberg and other media outlets for publishing statements concerning their property

US flight cancels landing at last minute to avoid hitting another jet on runway

WASHINGTON

PILOTS on a Southwest Airlines flight attempting to land at Chicago's Midway Airport were forced to climb back into the sky to avoid another aircraft crossing the runway on Tuesday morning. Airport webcam video posted to X shows the Southwest plane approaching a runway just before 9 a.m. Tuesday before its nose abruptly pulls up. A smaller jet is seen crossing the runway that the passenger plane was set to use.

Southwest Flight 2504 safely landed "after the crew performed a precautionary go-around to avoid a possible conflict with another aircraft that entered the runway," an airline spokesperson said in an email. "The crew followed safety procedures and the flight landed without incident."

Audio recording of communication between the smaller jet and the control tower recorded its pilot misstating instructions from a ground tower employee, who repeated that the pilot should "hold short" of a runway. About 30 seconds later, the ground tower ordered the pilot "hold your position there." The tower employee is then heard saying: "FlexJet560, your instructions were to hold short of runway 31 center."

Separately, a recording of communication between the Southwest crew and another ground tower employee captured its pilot reporting "Southwest 2504 going around" and following directions to climb back to 3,000 feet. Seconds later, the audio captures the pilot asking the tower: "Southwest 2504, how'd that happen?" *AP*

Hamas says will hand over 4 Israeli hostages' bodies in private

JERUSALEM

HAMAS will forgo its usual handover ceremony when it returns the bodies of four Israeli hostages on Wednesday night, with Israel expected to free more than 600 Palestinian prisoners in exchange, the militant group said. The swap will be the final one under the first phase of a Gaza ceasefire deal that went into effect on January 19.

Mediator the United States said efforts were underway to secure a second phase of the deal, whose complexity and drawn-out implementation have highlighted its fragility.

Hamas's armed wing said Wednesday that under the "framework of the deal, the Ezzedine Al-Qassam Brigades has decided to hand over the bodies of four hostages tonight".

A Hamas official told AFP that in return, Israel would release 625 Palestinian prisoners. The official also said the return of the four bodies "will take place without public presence to prevent the occupation from finding any pretext for delay or obstruction".

Israel confirmed the handover was set for Wednesday night. "In accordance with Israeli demands, an agreement was reached with the mediators: our four fallen hostages will be returned tonight... without Hamas ceremonies," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said.

Past handover ceremonies have been held in public spaces, with hostages paraded on stage, given certificates and gift bags, and often made to speak in front of crowds.

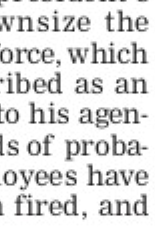
The spectacles had drawn outrage in Israel, which halted the planned release of prisoners during last week's exchange. The International Committee of the Red Cross, which has facilitated the swaps, had urged all parties to carry them out. The ceasefire has largely halted the war sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel, and has seen 25 hostages released alive so far in exchange for more than 1,100 prisoners. *AFP*

Trump asks govt agencies to draw plans for major job cuts

WASHINGTON

FEDERAL agencies must develop plans to eliminate employee positions, according to a memo distributed Wednesday by President Donald Trump's administration that sets in motion what could become a sweeping realignment of American government.

The memo expands the Republican president's effort to downsize the federal workforce, which he has described as an impediment to his agenda. Thousands of probationary employees have already been fired, and now his administration is turning its attention to career officials with civil service protection.



"We're cutting down the size of government. We have to," Trump said during the first Cabinet meeting of his second term. "We're bloated. We're sloppy. We have a lot of people that aren't doing their job."

Agencies are directed to submit by March 13 their plans for what is known as a reduction in force, which would not only lay off employees but eliminate the position altogether. The result could be extensive changes in how government functions.

More plans are due on April 14, when agencies are expected to outline how they will consolidate management, become more efficient and potentially relocate offices to parts of the country that are less expensive than Washington.

The memo said agencies should implement their plans by September 30. Administration officials framed their effort as a cost-saving measure but with a clear ideological goal. *AP*

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98,Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV,Gurgaon-122015.(Haryana) and Branch Office at:- " Soma Merit, No.9,Ground Floor,Venkataswamy Naidu Street,Taskar Town,Shivajinagar,Bangalore-560001 "under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iiflonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar 2. Mrs. Ashu Arora (Prospect No 778939)	07-Mar-2023 Rs. 18,88,782/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two Only)	All that part and parcel of the property Unit No.B-106, Land Area 314.33 sq. ft., Carpet Area 525 sq. ft., Super Built-Up Area 650 sq. ft., First Floor, Tower No.14/ Block 4, Janaadhar Shubha II, M.Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, India-562106	13-Nov-2024	Rs.22,57,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Only)
	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)		Total Outstanding as On Date 05-Feb-2025 Rs. 21,77,115/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,25,700/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
17-Mar-2025 1100 hrs -1400 hrs.	19-Mar-2025 till 5 pm.	21-Mar-2025 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have tovisit https://www.iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.
Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.**For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflonehome.com >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider **https://www. iiflonehome.com** well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.
6. **Bidders are advised to go through the website https: //www.iiflonehome.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**
7. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:-care@iiflonehome.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@1800 2672 499.**
8. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iiflonehome.com**
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
12. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:-Bangalore Rural, Date: 27-Feb-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV,Gurgaon-122015.(Haryana) and **Branch Office at:- "SOMA MERIT", No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051"** "under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iiflonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Raghu 2. Mrs. Lakshmamma 3. Ssv Traders (Prospect No IL10094430)	17-Jul-2021 Rs. 40,24,776/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Property no.30, Khatha No.45/2 area admeasuring 1200 sq.ft, Paraappana Agrahaara Ward no.191 situated at Village Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk 560035 Karnataka, India. **(Area admeasuring 850 sq. ft.)**	27-Aug-2024	Rs. 42,92,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Only)
	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)		Total Outstanding as On Date 05-Feb-2025 Rs. 51,96,023/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Twenty Three Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 4,29,200/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
17-Mar-2025 1100 hrs -1400 hrs.	19-Mar-2025 till 5 pm.	21-Mar-2025 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have tovisit https://www.iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.
Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.**For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflonehome.com >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider **https://www. iiflonehome.com** well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.
6. **Bidders are advised to go through the website https: //www.iiflonehome.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**
7. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:-care@iiflonehome.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@1800 2672 499.**
8. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iiflonehome.com**
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
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Place:-Bangalore, Date: 27-Feb-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that Mr. P.T. Vincent son of P.T. Thankachan representing himself to be the absolute owner of below mentioned Schedule Property having acquired right, title, interest and ownership under an Absolute Sale Deed dated : 26-11-2002 executed by its erstwhile owner Mr. Lokayya C Bangera, have offered to sell the Schedule Property in favour of my client for a valuable sale consideration.

Mr. P.T. Vincent further represents / declares that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property having absolute right of ownership, same is free and discharged of all charges, claims / clogs, litigations and he has not created any charge, encumbrance, lien or mortgage and there are no existing agreement/s over the Schedule Property.

It is therefore notified to the General Public that any person/s having objections or claims or contractual obligations or any manner of right, title or interest either on whole or portion/s in the form of undivided interest over the Schedule Property may lodge their claim with all supporting documents with the undersigned within (10) Ten days from the date of publication of this Public Notice.

Any claims / objections raised or filed after the said date will not be entertained and not binding on my client and my client will be entitled to treat that there are no objections and the Schedule Property is free from encumbrance and claims and proceed with the sale contract.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF immovable property bearing Site No. 363, situated at 1st Stage, 4th Block, Hennur Bellary Road Layout (HBR Layout), within BBMP Ward No. 25 Bangalore, measuring East to West 40.00 ft., and North to South 60 ft., totally 2400 sq. ft.,

Bounded on: East: Site No. 364, West: Site No. 362, North by : Site 389 and South by : Road

Sd/- **F. VARIS ALI,** Advocate
No. 2, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex-1,
No. 60, Chickbazaar Road, Queen's Road Cross, Tasker Town, Bangalore - 560 051.
Mob No. 9900495777
Email: fvalegal@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT LOST

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri K. Prasad** S/o Late K. Ramanjaneyalu, aged about 64 years, R/at Present No.27, Old House No. 305, 12th Cross, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011 (Mobile No. 9663400926) states that on 15-01-2025, while he went to the Court to attend the case by his two wheeler carrying bag, which has the following documents lost, they are:
1) Original document of Property No. 643, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bangalore-560 070.
2) Original documents belonging to Petrol Bunk situated at No. 67 & 68, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 094 and Cheque book and Cheque leafs related to Petrol Bunk and other documents.
3) Original document of House No 541, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore-560 070.
4) Cheque Book and Pass Book related to State Bank of India, Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore.
5) Cheques belongs to some business.
6) Rs. One Lakh Seven Thousand in cash.
7) Other Documents.

In this regard on 17-01-2025, my client had lodged complaint at Halasuru Gate Police Station, Corporation Bangalore. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to my clients Address mentioned above. If anybody misuses the above said documents or doing any criminal activities, they will punished under the court of law and legal action will be taken against them.

Santhosh Kumar. K, Advocate
No. 24, Ground Floor, 3rd Cross,
Sampige Road, Malleshwaram,
Bangalore-560 003. Mobile: 87227 60120
Date: 27.02.2025 Place: Bengaluru

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ವಿಜಯಕುಮಾರ, ಬಿನ್ ಮಲ್ಲೇಶಗೌಡ, ವಾಸ ನಂ.317/1, ಗೌಡರ ಓಣಿ, ಕಾರ್ಮುಡಿ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್, ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮತ್ತು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಇವರು ಇದೇ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಿ.ಟಿ.ಎಂ. 1ನೇ ಹಂತ (ಮಡಿವಾಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.39/2 ಮತ್ತು 39/3) ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 91 ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ : 15.10 ಮೀಟರ್ ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 23.60 ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು 356.36 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಉಪಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ-1, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ 22.06.2018 ರಂದು ನೀಡಿದಂತಹ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಪತ್ರದ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬಿ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ/ಉ.ಕಾ-1/ಬಿ.ಟಿ.ಎಂ.1ನೇ ಹಂತ ನಿ. ಸಂ. 91 ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ನೀಡಿದ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪತ್ರದ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 118086 ದಿನಾಂಕ 12.07.2018 ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಅಧಿಕ ಪಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಎ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾವಣೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲ ಪತ್ರದ 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಎ-1-02279/2018-19, ಸಿ.ಡಿ.ನಂ.ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಎ.ಡಿ.238 ರಂತೆ ದಾಖಲಾದ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೂರು ಮೂಲ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 25.09.2021 ರಂದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಯಶವಂತಪುರದ ಬಳಿ ಇರುವ ತ್ರಿವೇಣಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಬಳಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇದರ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ದಿನಾಂಕ 24.2.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಯ ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 1493588/2025 ರಂತೆ ದೂರು ನೀಡಿದ್ದು ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಯಾರಿಗಾದರು ಸಿಕ್ಕ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ವಿನಂತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಸದರಿ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ವಿನಃ ಯಾವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೂ ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬಾರದೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಈ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರ ವಿನಃ ಇತರರೊಂದಿಗೆ ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಿದ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಿ.ಟಿ.ಎಂ. 1ನೇ ಹಂತ (ಮಡಿವಾಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.39/2 ಮತ್ತು 39/3) ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :91 ರ, ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ ನಂ.65-50-91 (ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ. ಈ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ನಂ.1574739692, ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ. ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.172, ಮಡಿವಾಳದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ : 15.10 ಮೀಟರ್ ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 23.60 ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು 356.36 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ- **ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ** : ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 90 (ತೊಂಭತ್ತು),
ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ : ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು,
ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ : ರಸ್ತೆ,
ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ : ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 92 (ತೊಂಭತ್ತೆರಡು)

ಎಸ್. ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ
ನಂ.81, 3ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ರಾಜಬೀದಿ, ದೊಡ್ಡದೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರಣ್ಯಪುರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-97 ಮೊ-9886569551

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

Original Application No.940/2024

STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, J.C. Road, Bangalore. **...Applicant**
Versus
Smt. Prithi S **...Defendant**

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Smt. Prithi S W/o. Sri Sunil Lal Takar aged about 42 years, R/at: 005 M Square Melody Apartment, Behind RR Nagar Police Station, BEML 5th Stage, Bangalore - 560 098.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debt and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.24,60,256/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Six Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **09.06.2025 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **29.01.2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

Advocate for Applicant Bank
Mrs. Malini Vinay

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-03)

P & S.C. No. 84/2025

BETWEEN : 1. JYOTI KUNCHAM @ KUNCHAM JYOTI D/o. Late. Y. VISWANATHA @ YEDATORE VISHWANATHA @ YEDATORE VISHWANA & Late. KUNJUBALA VISHWANATHA @ KUNJBALA VISWANATH, Now aged about 57 years Residing at #428, Srivatsa, 19th B Cross, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore - 560011. **...Petitioner**
AND: Nil ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named Petitioner has made petition to this Court Under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, for the grant of Succession Certificate, in respect of schedule shares mentioned below as held by late parents of the petitioner Late. Y VISWANATHA @ YEDATORE VISHWANATHA @ YEDATORE VISHWANA expired at Bangalore on 23-12-2011 & Late. KUNJUBALA VISHWANATHA @ KUNJBALA VISWANATH expired on 26-03-2015 at Bangalore.

Interested persons are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or through pleader duly instructed **on 09.04.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** to show cause against the Petition failing which the case will be decided as Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE

(SHARES HELD JOINTLY BY LATE. KUNJBALA VISWANATH & YEDATORE VISHWANATHA @ YEDATORE VISHWANA)

1.	Company Name / Folio No. / Quantity	: ULTRATECH CEMENT LTD. / : 81619051 / : 28
2.	Company Name / Folio No. / Quantity	: GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD. / : KL00630 / : 250

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 19.02.2025.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioners
SATHYANARAYANA GOPAL RAO, Advocate
#142/3, 1st Floor, Shiva Complex,
5th Main, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
Mob: 9342848524 / 9342926437

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public / whomsoever it may concern that my client **Smt. Swetha. M.N,** W/o Shashank Shekar Roy and Sri. Shashank Shekar Roy S/o Rabinranath are residents of Bengaluru. Intend/Propose to purchase the schedule property belonging to Sri. Raju. S, S/o Sidhe Gowda residing at No.4, 2nd Cross, Renukamba Nagara, Chunchgatta Main Road, Konanakunte, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560062. He represents that he is the absolute owner and having clear and marketable title to the schedule property. Any Persons, Firm, Institution Including Financial Institution claiming to have any right/title/interest/claims or enforceable right in the schedule property either as the owner or in any other manner of objection for such alienation may lodge their objections with documentary proof **within 12 days** from the date of publication of this notice, with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objections subsist and thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with owner referred above.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the house property situated at No.30, BBMP PID No.151/47/30, Assessment No. 47, Katha No. 151, within the jurisdiction of the B.B.M.P Chunchgatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560062, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 30 feet, Total land measuring 900 square feet and bounded on:
East by: Road, **West by:** Road,
North by: Site No.31 and **South by:** Site No. 29.

A.S VENKAT KUMAR, ADVOCATE,
No.1, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002,
Email:venkatkumar461@gmail.
Phone: 9663636646.

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6.2% GDP growth seen in the third quarter of FY25, worst over on India's growth trajectory, says Deutsche Bank report

Airtel in talks with Tata Group for merger of DTH biz

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

BHARTI AIRTEL, country's second-largest telecom service provider, on Wednesday said it is in talks with the Tata Group to explore a deal to merge Tata Play's direct-to-home (DTH) business with its subsidiary Bharti Telemedia Ltd.

"We wish to submit that Bharti Airtel Limited ('Airtel') and TATA Group are in bilateral discussions to explore a potential transaction to achieve a combination of TATA Group's Direct To Home ('DTH') business housed under Tata Play Limited, with Bharti Telemedia Limited, a subsidiary of Airtel, in a structure acceptable to all parties," said the telco.

This statement follows media reports suggesting that the deal could be structured as a share swap, with Airtel acquiring a majority stake (52-55%), while Tata Play's shareholders — including Tata Sons and Walt Disney — would retain 45-48% of the combined entity. The valuation of the merged entity, both Airtel Digital TV and Tata Play's DTH businesses is estimated to be between ₹6,000 crore and ₹7,000 crore. The combined entity would serve a total of 35 million subscribers. Reports also suggest that Airtel's senior management would oversee the new company, with Tata retaining two board seats as part of a non-binding agreement.

Disney's shareholding in the combined entity would remain intact. The merger would grant Airtel access to Tata Play's network, which currently connects 19 million homes and includes 500,000 broadband users. Industry experts speculate that Bharti Airtel's strategy may involve converting Tata Play's top 5 million DTH customers into broadband customers, potentially increasing its average revenue per user (ARPU). Tata Play's history dates back to 2004 when it was launched as Tata Sky, a joint venture between Tata Sons and 21st Century Fox. In March 2019, Walt Disney Company acquired Fox's stake, and the service was subsequently rebranded as Tata Play.

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Lower risk rules for NBFC loans to free up ₹40k cr

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank's latest decision to rollback the additional 25 percentage points risk weights to 125% on banks' exposure to non-banks and micro-lenders will free up ₹40,000 crore of capital for the banks. This capital can be used to lend an additional ₹4 lakh crore to a credit-starved economy, say analysts.

This is the fourth major decision the RBI has taken under new governor Sanjay Malhotra who assumed office in December and marks the reversal of contentious decision of previous governor Shaktikanta Das. Malhotra has put on the back burner the new norms regarding liquidity coverage ratio, expected credit loss and higher provisions for project finance.

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RELIEF IN SIGHT

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In a late Tuesday circular, the RBI "decided to restore the risk weights applicable to bank loans to NBFCs and microfinance companies, and the same shall be in line with the external rating. Risk weights for microloans by banks will come down to 75% or 100%, depending on the nature of the loan, rather than 125% effective April 1, 2025."

Following the increase in risk weights, credit growth in general and those to shadow banks have fallen sharply — from 22-24% to 11.2% and from 15% to 6.7%, respectively. This had bank loans to NBFCs falling to ₹16.2 trillion as of December 2024 or from a 15% growth to 6.7%, while loans to non-HFC non-banks halved from 18.8% to 9.3% or ₹13 trillion and loans to microlenders fell from 20.3% to 12.1% or ₹21.4 trillion during this period, as per RBI data for December 2024.

On November 17, 2023, the RBI, as a macro-prudential measure, had increased the risk weights for bank loans to NBFCs and MFIs by 25 percentage points to 125% — over and above risk weight associated with the external rating — in all cases where existing risk weights was below 100%. This meant bank loans to better-rated NBFCs, where external risk weight was below 100% were increased by 25 percentage points to 125%. In a note on Wednesday, Nomura analysts Sonal Varma and Aurodeep Nandi said lower risk weights will release more bank capital, but policy transmission will take more time as the economy is in a cyclical slowdown.

IndiGo to lease wide-body Boeing 787-9 planes from Norse Atlantic

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IN its effort to broaden global presence, country's largest carrier IndiGo has signed another firm agreement with Norway's Norse Atlantic Airways for the damp lease of three wide-body Boeing 787-9 aircraft. These aircraft will be arriving in India in second half of 2025 to serve long-haul routes out of India, mainly in the European market.

On February 6, 2025, IndiGo had signed a damp lease agreement with Norse Atlantic for one Boeing 787-9, the delivery of which is on track, and it is scheduled to start operations on airline's Delhi-Bangkok route from March 1, 2025. These additional three damp-leases will bring total to four (4) and IndiGo and Norse continue to explore opportunities to broaden the cooperation and possibility for contracting more aircraft.

"We are delighted to confirm extension of our partnership with Norse Atlantic Airways for damp lease of additional three Boeing 787-9 aircraft. This will help us make strategic inroads and establish the brand in the European market," said Pieter Elbers, CEO, IndiGo. Elbers said on Monday that IndiGo intend to shift to Europe from mid-summer. He added, "As we execute broader strategy to strengthen and extend our international network, we are advancing towards our vision of becoming a global player by 2030, firmly rooted in India and driven by continuous expansion."

To support long-haul expansion IndiGo has already placed a firm order for 30 Airbus 350-900 wide body aircraft with an option for additional 70 aircraft, with deliveries expected to commence from 2027. Besides IndiGo, Tata Group run Air India is also accelerating its global expansion plans as home-grown airlines looks to grab market share from foreign airlines in the lucrative long haul routes.

SpiceJet reports Q3 PAT at ₹26 cr

New Delhi: SpiceJet reported a net loss of ₹441.7 crore for July-September quarter but bounced back to profit in Q3FY25. The airline posted a net profit of ₹26 crore in Q3FY25 on revenue of ₹1,651 crore. Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD of SpiceJet, said for the first time in a decade, the company has turned net worth positive – an important milestone that underscores the success of its turnaround strategy. "The past is behind us, and we are firmly focused on building a stronger, more resilient future for SpiceJet," Singh said. Singh said they have strengthened their balance sheet, resolved key disputes, and are continuously expanding our fleet. *ENS*

Religare seeks removal of Saluja, Asthana from board

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE board of directors of Religare Enterprises Ltd (REL) recommended the removal of directors Rashmi Saluja (former chairperson) and Rakesh Asthana (former Delhi Police Commissioner) from the boards of subsidiary companies and committees, said the company in an exchange filing.

"We would like to inform you the Board of Directors of the company at their meeting held today i.e. February 26, 2025 have resolved to recommend subsidiary entities of the company to take appropriate action(s) as applicable, for removal of directors, namely Rashmi Saluja and Rakesh Asthaana, from their respective board & committee(s)," said the filing.

This action by the board comes after the Burman family of Dabur acquired a controlling stake in Religare and was designated as promoters earlier this month. This ended an 18-month battle between the Burmans and former chairperson Saluja who was ousted by Religare shareholders. The Board is also seeking the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and shareholders' approval to appoint Abhay Kumar Agarwal, Arjun Lamba, Gurumurthy Ramanathan, and Suresh Mahalingam as additional directors (non-executive and non-independent).

Religare also said that due to suboptimal business operations and a continued decline in net worth at MIC Insurance Web Aggregator (MIC), a subsidiary of the company, the board decided to write off its entire initial investment made by Religare Enterprises in MIC, worth 11.41 crore.

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EXPRESS READ

Higher tariffs to raise airfares at Delhi airport

New Delhi: The proposed tariff hike at the Delhi airport will result in a 1.5 to 2% increase in domestic airfares for passengers, as per a top official. Delhi Airport, operating the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, has proposed different user fees for economy and business class passengers as well as for peak and off-peak hours. *PTI*

Swiggy halts non-veg delivery in select cities

New Delhi: Swiggy's quick commerce arm Instamart took down non-veg items including eggs, meat and fish for delivery in select cities like Pune, Delhi, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad on the occasion of Mahashivratri on Wednesday, although the deliveries were restored by the evening in few cities, the quick commerce platform's app showed. *ENS*

'Need 1.2-1.5 tax buoyancy for 6.5-7% growth'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA has to maintain a tax buoyancy in the range of 1.2-1.5 to achieve a growth of 6.5-7%, a EY report said on Wednesday.

The report said the government may need to strengthen revenue mobilisation, mainly by increasing tax-to-GDP ratio from estimated 12% in FY26 (Budget Estimates) to 14% by FY31. The country's fiscal strategy must focus on enhancing tax buoyancy, prudent expenditure management and continued structural reforms to ensure sustainable growth, EY said. The EY India Economy Watch report noted that over past three years, gross tax revenue buoyancy has moderated, from 1.4 in FY24 to 1.15 in FY25 (RE) and projected to be 1.07 in FY26(BE). "Maintaining tax buoyancy in 1.2-1.5 range could help the government achieve 6.5-7.0% GDP growth," the EY Report said. Indian economy is projected to grow in the range of 6.3-6.8% in the next fiscal.

Wipro announces $200 mn investment in venture arm

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

WIPRO on Wednesday announced that it will be committing $200 million to its venture arm, Wipro Ventures, in its latest round of funding.

This is the fourth round of funding raised by Wipro Ventures, and it is aimed at accelerating the company's investments in early- to mid-stage start-ups.

"Wipro Ventures is strategically positioned to participate in and contribute to technological innovation across start-up hubs globally," said Srini Pallia, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Wipro Limited.

This latest investment reaffirms our commitment to helping start-ups grow faster, innovate, and collaborate with the IT services industry to support large enterprises.

"We envision a collaborative ecosystem where these emerging technologies can be deployed globally, drive progress, and create sustainable value for all stakeholders involved," he added.

Wipro Ventures was founded in 2015 to identify and invest in high-potential early-stage start-ups. So far, it has invested in 37 start-ups in areas such as artificial intelligence, data & analytics, cybersecurity, and cloud infrastructure, deployed solutions across 250+ Wipro customers globally and had 12 successful exits.

In addition to making direct equity investments, Wipro Ventures has also invested in several early-stage, enterprise-focused and cybersecurity-themed venture funds in India, the United States, and Israel.

Infosys employees to get 5 % to 8% salary hike

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT Services company Infosys has started rolling out salary hikes for its employees. According to sources, the hikes are in the range between 5% and 8% for employees at JL5 (Job Level - team leaders and below).

These employees will see their hikes take effect from January 1. Some exceptional performers will receive double-digit hikes. For those at Job Level 6 and above, salary hike is pegged at above 10% and will be effective from April 1.

The company during Q3 earnings had announced it would give 6-8% hikes to employees in India. But compared to the last hike revision in November 2023, this hike is said to be lower across performance categories.

In Q3FY25, the company posted a 11.4% growth in net profit at ₹6,806 crore and its revenue from operations in the Q3 stood at ₹41,764 crore, a 7.6% rise as against ₹38,821 crore in the year-ago period. Its operating margin stood at 21.3%, a rise of 0.8% YoY. For FY25, it has raised its revenue guidance from 3.75%-4.5% to 4.5%-5.0%, based on its performance in this quarter. It has retained its margin guidance at 20%-22%. On Wednesday the company announced that the Board of Infosys BPM UK Limited, a step-down wholly-owned subsidiary of Infosys and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Infosys BPM has approved to incorporate a wholly-owned subsidiary in the name and style of Infosys BPM Netherlands BV in the Netherlands.

Micromax to manufacture solar panels

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MICROMAX INFORMATICS, country's consumer electronics brand, announced its entry into the energy sector on Wednesday with the launch of a solar panel manufacturing venture.

The company has established a new entity, "Startup Energy"," to focus on producing high-efficiency solar panels for residential, commercial, and industrial applications. Micromax Solar aims to provide affordable and scalable solar power solutions across India.

"With Startup Energy, we are extending this vision to renewable energy sector, bringing our expertise in cutting-edge solutions to solar power. Our goal is to make clean energy more accessible, reliable, and cost-effective, ensuring that individuals and businesses alike can benefit from sustainable power solutions," said Rajesh Agarwal, MD, Micromax Informatics. As part of its expansion, Micromax has signed a strategic contract with Jinchen for the phased deployment of a 5-gigawatt (GW) advanced solar module manufacturing line.

Business & Beyond

IREDA shareholders approve up to ₹5k cr fundraising via QIP

New Delhi: Shareholders of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) have approved the company's proposal to raise up to ₹5,000 crore through Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) of equity shares, in one or multiple tranches. The approval was granted by the shareholders in favour of the resolution via remote e-voting during the 22nd Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) held today through video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman and Managing Director, IREDA and attended by Directors on the Board and shareholders. IREDA's Board had earlier approved the fundraising plan on January 23, 2025, which includes the dilution of the Government of India's shareholding in the company by up to 7% post-issue equity, in one or multiple tranches.

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation enhances visitor experience at Attari-Wagah Border

Mumbai: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), as a responsible corporate citizen, continues to make contributions to society through its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. In its latest endeavour, HPCL has installed 300 three-seater benches at the Joint Check Post (JCP) Attari-Wagah Border Stadium, Punjab, enhancing public convenience at one of India's most historic landmarks. The inauguration ceremony was graced by KS Shetty, director – human resources, HPCL, in the presence of Ratikant Thakur, Commandant, Border Security Force (BSF), along with other senior officials. This initiative is a testament to HPCL's commitment to improving infrastructure for public welfare and ensuring a comfortable and organised seating arrangement for thousands of visitors who gather daily to see iconic Beating Retreat ceremony. The seating capacity for 900 spectators will enhance visitor experience, ensuring a more enjoyable environment for tourists, dignitaries, and guests attending daily retreat and other ceremonial events.

NTPC Inks MoUs with MP govt at Global Investors Summit, to invest ₹2 lakh crore

New Delhi: NTPC Limited, along with its subsidiary NTPC Green Energy (NGEL), has signed multiple MoUs with the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh during the Global Investors Summit, held at Bhopal on February 24-25, 2025. It includes renewable projects based on solar, wind, pump hydro and other carbon neutral energy sources in the state. The first MoU was signed between NGEL and Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company (MPPGCL) for setting up Renewable Energy projects up to 20 GW or more in the state at an investment of ₹1,20,000 crore. This has paved way for formation of a joint venture company (JVC), which will help in mitigating renewable generation obligation (RGO) of Madhya Pradesh Generating Company, as well as Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) of Madhya Pradesh DISCOMs. The MOU was signed between NTPC Ltd. & Govt. of MP for other sustainable non-fossil fuel power plants at an estimated investment of ₹80,000 crore.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Finance India Private Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the SecurityInterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon theborrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice beingwithin60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and thepublic in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property describedherein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No.	Borrower/s/ Co-borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice Date	Possession Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	Date and Type of Possession Taken
1.	TBAN-GL001 5690	1.Mr. Narayana and 2.Mrs. Thulasi	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.24, Old Assessment No.173, New Assessment No.173/15, situated at Bhovipalya, Kethamaranahalli Village, Yashawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated at 12th Cross, Vaddarapalya, BBMP Ward No.67 presently comes under the limits of BBMP measuring East to West 30 ft,, North to South 45 ft totally 1350 sq ft along with house and **bounded on: Boundaries: North By:** Road, **South By:** Remaining Property. **East By:** Others property, **West By:** Property No.25.	17--12--2022	**Rs. 6,05,176/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Six Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	24-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
2.	TYE-LAH00 27724	1.Mrs. Manjula & 2.Mr. Venkatasvami	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Property No.134/94C, and 150300401400320007, Situated at, E Hosahalli Village, Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Measuring East west: 23ft, North South: 35ft, **Bonded On. Boundaries: North By:** Property belongs to Kakappa **South By:** Vacant Land **East By:** Government Road **West By:** Property bengs to Venkateshappa	28--10--2024	**Rs. 9,76,010/-** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Ten Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	22-02-2025 Symbolic Possession

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Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: BANGALORE
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1.	TPEEN 004353 2	1.Mr. Ramesh D H, 2.Mrs. Jayamma and 3.Mr. Manjunath D P	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Schedule of the property piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing RTC Khata No. 234, in numbered old sy no. 35, new sy no. 35/3. Duddabelle Village , Thyamagundlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, in all measuring 0-02.08 guntas, **bounded on Boundaries: North By:** Property of Jayamma and Krishnamurty **South By**: left property of D A Keshavamurty property and Sushilamma property **East By:** .Property of Bhagyamma **West By:** Left property of D A Keshavamurthy and Road	23--12--2024	**Rs. 15,21,769/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	24-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
2.	TPEEN 004931 4	1.Mrs. Venkatalakshmamma and 2.Mr. Arun Kumar R	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Schedule of the property piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No. 208/1, Assessment No. 208/1. situated at Marasarahalli Village, comes under limits Srinivasapura Village Panchayath , Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562123. measuring East to West 40 Sq.Feet, and North to South 30 Sq.feet, Total measuring 1200 Sq.feet and **bounded on. Boundaries: North By:** Road. **South By:** Property belongs to Chinnavenkatappa. **East By:-** Property belongs to Thimmarayappa. **West By:** Property belongs to Thimmaparayappa	23--12--2024	**Rs. 14,05,841/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty One Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Finance India Private Limited** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date:- 24.02.2025
Place: BANGALORE
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Sl. No.	Loan Account No.	Borrower/s/ Co-borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice Date	Possession Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	Date and Type of Possession Taken
1.	TKENG E00168 66	1.Mr. Rajesh and 2.Mrs. Saraswathi	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Khaneshumari Khatha No.19/11/2, Unique ID No.152900402400520265, situated at Channamanahalli, Kylancha Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk and District, comes under the limits of Vibhuthikere Grama Panchayath, measuring East to West 11.28 mtrs or 37 feet and North to South 9.75 mtrs or 32 feet, in all measuring 110 Sq.mtrs or 1184.04 Sq.ft and **bounded on: Boundaries: North By**: Site belongs to Shanthakumari, **South By:** Property belongs to Kunnaiah. **East By:** Road, **West By:** Property belongs to Kate.SarveRamaiah.	18--06--2024	**Rs. 7,78,219/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	22-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
2.	TBAN-GL004 9438	1.Mrs. Ashwini and 2.Mr. Ramesh	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing property No.48/559/1964, BGS Layout, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. **Boundaries: North By:** Site No.957 **South By:** Road **East By:** Slte No.909 **West By:** Road.	19--11--2024	**Rs. 10,81,991/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	

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Date:- 22.02.2025
Place: RAMNAGARA
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Aptus Finance India Private Limited

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the SecurityInterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon theborrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice beingwithin60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and thepublic in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property describedherein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No.	Borrower/s/ Co-borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice Date	Possession Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	Date and Type of Possession Taken
1.	ABAN-GL001 2195	1.Mr. Mohammed Akbar and 2.Mrs. Habib Unisa	All that piece and parcel of the Property being Portion of the Sy.No.412/1A1, Presently bearing Gram Panchayath Khatha Sl.No.140, Property No.412/1A, as per Form 9 and 11 issued by Bagaluru Grama Panchayath, Situated at Bagalur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 2¾ Guntas in extent and bounded on the: / All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy.No.152/2B, Situated at Bagalur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 2 Guntas in extent and **bounded on the: Boundaries: North By:** Road and House and land belongs to K.Pyarejan, **South By:** Land in same Survey Number belongs to Basheer Khan. **East By:** Road and Land belongs to Sabjan, **West By**: Land belongs to Basheer Khan,	19--11--2024	**Rs. 21,59,662/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	22-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
2.	AYELA H00738 67	1.Mrs. Sabreen Taj, 2.Mr. Mustafa and 3.Mr. Saddam Hussain	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being Khatha no. 50, a portion of Sy no. 50 Situated at Haradipura Village, vijayapura Hobli, devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district, presently comes under TMC vijayapura, measuring East to West 40 ft North to South 30 ft and **bounded on: Boundaries: North By:** Property belongs to Abdul Baseed **South By:** Property belongs to Sardar **East By:** Road **West By:** Property belongs to Ismail	19--11--2024	**Rs. 8,22,376/-** (Rupees Eight Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date:- 22.02.2025
Place: BANGALORE
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited

Five-Star Business Finance Limited

Corporate Office: New No.27, Old No.4, Taylors Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600010

PUBLIC AUCTION THROUGH BIDDING NOTICE
APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Notice is hereby given to the public in general that the below mentioned Borrower/Co-Borrowers mortgaged the immovable property which is described hereunder to M/s. Five Star Business Finance Limited, Bangalore, and the possession of the said immovable property ('secured asset/property') has been taken over by the Authorized Officer in accordance of the SARFAESI Act 2002, and rules there to. The secured asset will be sold through public auction by bidding for realization of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to Five Star Business Finance Limited as detailed below. The secured asset is being sold on and the bidding will be held on 29.03.2025 "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under the Rule number 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the Rules) and on the terms and conditions specified here-under:

Name of the Branch & Loan Account Number	Name of the Owner of the property	Details of property	Outstanding Amount & Demand Notice Date	Reserve Price (INR) & EMD & Bid Increase amount	Date/ Time of Auction / Place of Auction
M/s. Five Star Business Finance Limited, No.712, 2 nd Floor Dr. Modi Hospital Road, Mahalakshmi Puram (Near Kadamba Hotel) Bangalore - 560086. Contact No. 9742627666/ 7019566719/ 9008151967 Loan Account No. FSKALALONS000005013766	**1.Mr. Shankar D S/o Deve Gowda, 2.Mrs. Mani W/o Shankar D, 3. Mr. Pavan D.S S/o Shankar D No.1 to 3 are Residing at No.2,** Muthurayaswamy Layout, 18th Cross, Sunkadakatte, 2nd Main Road, Bangalore -560091. **And also at** No.1 to 3 are Residing at : No.84/16, Srinivasa Nagar, Srigandada Kaval, 18th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Bangalore - 5600091	All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing No.84/16, Situated at Sri Gandada Kaval Village, Srinivasa Nagar, 18th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Yaswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Dasarahalli CMC limits, presently BBMP limits, Bangalore-91, in all measuring 410 Sq. Ft. together with RCC roofed building.Bounded By: East by : Road, West by :Private Property, North by : Private Property, South by : Drainage and Road.. Measurements:- East to West on the Both Sides - 10 Feet, South Eastern Side - 41 Feet, North to South on Western Side - 41 Feet. The property is situated with in the Registration District of Bangalore.	**Rs. 22,48,897/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) As on 02.03.2024 Demand Notice dated: 25.03.2024**	Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only) / Rs.2,00,000/- (Two Lacs Only) / Bid Increment amount Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only)	29.03.2025 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM. M/s. Five Star Business Finance Limited,No.712,2 nd Floor Dr. Modi Hospital Road, Mahalakshmi Puram (Near Kadamba Hotel) Bangalore - 560079.

DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY: 28/03/2025 BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 4:00 PM
Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:
1.Public Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" and is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to M/s. Five Star Business Finance Limited, Bangalore, The bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of Public Auction can be obtained from office of M/S.Five Star Business Finance Ltd., Bangalore, at respective branch. 2.The Secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve price. 3. To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, it is necessary that the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding any claims, charges, dues, encumbrances and should satisfy about the title, extent/measurement of the property prior to submitting their bid. For any discrepancy in the property the participating bidder is solely responsible for all future recourses from the date of submission of bid. 4.No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put up for sale, charges/encumbrances over the property or on any other matter etc will be entertained after submission of the bid. 5.The Authorized Officer will not be responsible for any Charge, Lien, Encumbrance, Property Tax dues, Electricity dues etc. or any other dues to the Government, Local Authority or anybody, in respect of the property under Sale. 6.The Public Auction Notice/Advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any offer, commitment or any representation of M/s.Five Star Business Finance Limited. The Authorized Officer shall not be responsible in any way for any Third Party Claims/Rights/Dues. 7.The Sale shall be subject to the Rules/Conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and Rules thereto. 8.The interested bidders shall submit their bids along with EMD, which shall be payable only through D.D.in favour of "Five Star Business Finance Limited" payable on or before the 28/03/2025 at about 5 PM. 9.The Bids along with other documents must be submitted to the Authorized Officer in a sealed envelope mentioning "Offer for Purchase - Shankar D's Property to reach the Authorized Officer on or before the last date of submission of the Bids. 10.The bidder is supposed to submit the following documents at the time of submission of the bid: i) Proof of EMD paid ii) copy of the PAN Card iii) Proof of identification/ Address proof/Aadhaar Card/KYC (self-attested copies) without which the bid is liable to be rejected. 11.The bidder alone can participate in the public auction proceeding and no other person is permitted. 12.The successful Bidder must deposit the 25% of the purchase amount (after adjusting the EMD already paid) immediately upon the acceptance of the offer and declaration of the successful bidder by the Authorized officer, failing which the EMD paid shall be forfeited and cannot be claimed by the bidder from M/s. Five Star Business Finance Limited. 13.The balance 75% of the purchase amount must be deposited by the successful bidder within 15 days, failing which the amounts already deposited by the bidder shall stand automatically forfeited without further notice and no request for refunds whatsoever shall be entertained. Further, the property will be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of the property/amount and will not be eligible to participate in the re-auction, if any. 14.No interest is applicable to EMD or any amount deposited by the bidders/successful bidder in respect of sale of secured asset. 15.The Purchaser/Successful bidder shall bear the (a) Applicable Stamp Duty/ Registration/ Transfer Charges; (b) All the Statutory, Non-Statutory, Conversion, Electricity, Sewage Charges, Any dues, Cess, Fees, Taxes, Rates, Assessment Charges etc. owing to any person, Association or Authority shall be borne by the successful Bidder only. 16.Sale Certificate shall be issued in the prescribed format in favor of successful bidder only. 17.The successful bidder shall have to arrange for registration etc., at his/her/its cost of the Sale Certificate as per the provisions of prevailing Stamp and Registration Act. The successful bidder shall bear the charges for conveyance, registration fee, stamp duty, taxes, fee etc. as applicable. 18.In case of sale of property subject to any encumbrances, the successful bidder/purchaser shall deposit money required to discharge the encumbrance including interest, cost, expenses etc. if any to the Authorized officer. 19.In case if the public auction is stopped, stayed, postponed or rescheduled or cancelled, a public notice will be put on the notice board of M/s. Five Star Business Finance Limited, Bangalore branch and no personalized/individual communication in this regard will be sent to any of the bidders or otherwise. 20.Submission of bid by the bidders is construed that they have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions governing the public auction. 21.EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on the closure of auction proceedings. 22.The Authorized officer is not bound to accept the highest offer/bid and the Authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the public auction without assigning any reason thereof.

Date: 26/02/2025 , Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer, M/s.Five Star Business Finance Limited**

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಂಪೆನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ)
ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂ ಭವನ, ಬಿಜೈ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು-575004
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 0824-2885759, CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮವಿಸಕಂ/ಪ್ರವ್ಯ. (ಆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾ.ಸಂ.ಅ.)/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ/29/2024/ಸಿವೈಎಸ್-1 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.02.2025

ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ವಿಷಯ: ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿರಿಯ ಪವರ್‌ಮ್ಯಾನ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ/ಬಿ16/44953/2023-24 (NKK) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.10.2024.

ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕವಿಪ್ರನಿನಿ/ಬಿ16/44953/2023-24 (NKK) ದಿನಾಂಕ 14.10.2024ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿರಿಯ ಪವರ್‌ಮ್ಯಾನ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಚಿತ ರಿಕ್ತ ಸ್ಥಾನಗಳ 1:5ರ ಅನುಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುದ್ದೆವಾರು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳನ್ನು, ಕಟ್-ಆಫ್ ಅಂಕಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://mescom.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಆನ್-ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ Digilocker ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಬಳಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ 1:5ರ ಅನುಪಾತದ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಪನಿಯ website ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಕ್ತ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ upload ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1. ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವಂತಹ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಮೊದಲಿಗೆ Digilocker ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ Register ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ತಮ್ಮ ಆಧಾರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ Login ಆಗಿ, 10ನೇ ತರಗತಿ, ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, UDID Card ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು Issued documents ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು (Digilocker ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ Register ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು Issued documents ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವಿಧಾನವನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ).
2. 1:5ರ ಅನುಪಾತದ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಆನ್-ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ/ಸಹಿ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಾದಲ್ಲಿ, document upload module ನಲ್ಲಿ login ಮಾಡಿದ ಕೂಡಲೇ "ನೀವು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಉಂಟಾಗಿದೆಯೇ?" ಎಂಬುವುದಕ್ಕೆ "ಹೌದು" ಎಂಬ ಗುಂಡಿಯನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ, ತಮ್ಮ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಿಯನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
3. 1:5 ರ ಅನುಪಾತದ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ e-sign ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, document upload module ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಮುನ್ನ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಧಾರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ e-sign ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
4. Digilockerನ Issued documentsನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು fetch ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡ ನಂತರ, ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಲಿಂಕ್ ಅನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ, ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಯನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಸುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಗಳನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು (Document upload ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಧಾನವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ).
5. Digilocker ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಇರುವಂತಹ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು 500 KB ಮೀರದಂತಹ pdf document ಗಳಾಗಿ ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಂಡು ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದ Document Upload ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಮುಂದೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು.
6. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್-ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ನಂತರ, ತಮ್ಮ ಆಧಾರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ e-sign ಮಾಡುವುದು. e-sign ಮಾಡುವ ಮುನ್ನ, ತಾವು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್-ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಖಾತ್ರಿ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರ ಒಂದು ಮುದ್ರಿತ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು/soft-copy ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಮುಂದುವರೆದು, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://mescom.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://mescom.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.02.2025 ರಿಂದ 10.03.2025 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.03.2025 ರ ನಂತರ ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಗೈರುಹಾಜರೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಇವರಿಗೆ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸಿ, ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಿಂದ ಅನರ್ಹಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪೂರ್ಣಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಹನಾ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸಹನಾ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಂತರದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು (ಆಡಳಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾ.ಸಂ.ಅ)
ಮೆಸ್ಕಾಂ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mrs. SHYAMALA JAGAPATHI,** aged 71 years, W/o Mr. Jagapathi, residing at No. D1, RGL Colony Phase-3, MadhaKovil Street, Mugalivakkam, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu-600125, has lost 1. Original Sale Deed dt. dt.30-09-1989, executed by MICO Shramajeevi Karnika Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha, Bangalore in favour of Mr. Lakshmaiah N., Doc. No. 5135/1989-90, Book of I, Volume No: 3199, Pages of 85-86, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. 2. Original Sale Deed dt. 21-11-1996, executed by Mr. S.M. Chandre Gowda in favour of Mrs. Shyamala Jagapathi rep by her GPA holder Mrs. Alathur Rekha and Mrs. Alathur Rekhaand registered as Doc. No. 3503/1996-97, Book of-I, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, both are in respect of Site No.193, compressed in Sy. Nos.22/1 & 2 and 111/1 & 2, Situated at Bangalore MICO Shramajeevi Karmikara Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha, Arakere, 2nd Stage Layout, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. In this regard my client has also lodged two police complaints 1. 04-08-2024 through Online vide LOST REPORT No. 1177311/2024, and 2. 06-02-2024 through Online vide LOST REPORT No. 0920114/2024, that my client has not created any charge over the property covered under the above said documents. If found, the documents may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after 7 (Seven) days from the date of this public notice.

Mahesh Kumar M.H. Advocate
No.56/A, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, 24th Main,
J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. Ph: 9686751274

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DIRECTORATE OF URBAN LAND TRANSPORT URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER URBAN LAND TRANSPORT
BMTC, TTMC 'B' Block, (Above Bus Stand), 4th Floor, K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Ph : 080-22226627 / 6628,
Fax : 080-22226630, E-Mail : dultbangalore@gmail.com, dult@karnataka.gov.in

DULT-RSIN0ASPI/1/2022 **dated 27.02.2025**

NOTIFICATION

The Centre for Research and Innovation (CERI), Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) invites research proposals under its second edition of its Annual Research program – ASPIRE (ASPIRE-02/2025) from individual researchers/academic institutes/research institutes for five identified urban mobility research topics. Deadline for application is **31st March 2025.**
For further information visit **dult.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Commissioner
Directorate of Urban Land Transport
(DULT)

DIPR/CP/5302/SHIRDI SAI/2024-25

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,04,45,510/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakh Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Ten only)** as on **19-02-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **20-02-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Sree Jyothi Engineering Works, No.292, 1st C Cross, Kasthuri Badavane, Rajagopala Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560058. No.2) Mrs. Jyothi, W/o. Mr. Dasna Murthy, No.292, 1st C Cross, Near Maruthi Theatre, Kasturi Layout, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560058. No.3) Mr. R. Dasna Murthy, S/o. Mr. Rajgopal, No.292, 1st C Cross, Near Maruthi Theatre, Kasturi Layout, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560058.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Jyothi, W/o. Mr. Dasna Murthy)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.74/79/120, Khatha No.79/120, Eastern Portion of Site No.79, Situated at 1st "C" Cross, Kasturi Layout, Rajagopal Nagar, Bangalore Urban District, previously Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, Ward No.70 and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of Site No.79, West by : Site No.78, North by : 30 Feet Road and South by : Property No.87. Total Measuring 600 Sq.ft. (15 x 40).

Reserve Price : Rs.42,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Two Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. Jyothi, W/o. Mr. Dasna Murthy)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.2, Assessment No.120, Laggere Khatha No.120/2, Situated at Bangalore Uttara Taluk, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Dasarahalli, comes under BBMP Limits Situated at 1st "C" Cross, Kasturi Layout, Rajagopal Nagar, Bangalore Urban District, previously Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits Ward No.70. Measuring : East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. Totally measuring 1,200 Sq.ft. along with RCC Roofed House and bounded on : East by : Site No.03, West by : Site No.01, North by : Road and South by : Site No.07..

Reserve Price : Rs.84,00,000/-
(Rupees Eighty Four Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
07-04-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban-560004. Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban-560004. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 25-02-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No.0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER , PWD.,
BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM – 7.

e-TENDER NOTICE - FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
e -Tender Notice No : 32/ 2024-25/SE/B(C&M)C/SLM, Dated 25.02.2025

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-Tenders are invited under Two Cover System by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C & M) Circle, Salem-7 from the eligible Registered Contractors of PWD., for the following work through online. Tender documents will be available from **03.03.2025, 15.00 hrs** onwards in the Government website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"** and it can be downloaded at free of cost up to **02.04.2025, 15.00 hrs.** The Last date of submission of tender through online in the Government Website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"** is on **02.04.2025, 15.00 hrs** and uploaded tenders will be opened on **02.04.2025** at **15.30 hours** (As per server system clock).

Sl. No	Name of Work	Approximate value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. In Lakh)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit including G.S.T. (in Rupees)	Period of completion
1.	**Construction of Integrated silk store (cocoon market) complex with modern features building at Sogathur in Dharmapuri District**	1743.60	8,82,000	420 days

Contractor class	:	Registered in Public Works Department Class I in State level/ This circle level (Rs.10.00 Crore to Rs.25.00 Crore) and above
EMD to be credited	:	EMD Remittance through only online

Name of work, E.M.D. remittance and other details will be available at the Government designated website **"https://tntenders.gov.in".** Any Changes in tender condition will also be published in web site. **"https://tntenders.gov.in".**

DIPR/755/TENDER/2025 **Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem – 7.**

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited

8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice Appendix IV (rule8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the SecurityInterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon theborrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice beingwithin60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and thepublic in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property describedherein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No.	Borrower/s/ Co-borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice Date	Possession Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	Date and Type of Possession Taken
1.	APEEN0 018658 & APEEN0 031266	1.Mr. Nagaraj S and 2.Mrs. Shantha	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being a Southern portion of No.13, Khatha No.48, situated at Yelachenahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, earlier under the limits of Rajarajeshwari Nagar CMC, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore measuring East to West 16 feet and North to South 22 feet in all measuring 352 Square feet and **bounded on the: Boundaries: North by:** (30*20) feet Passage and thereafter property belong to Nagaratna & Shanthamma, **South by:** Road **East by:** Others Property, **West by:** Property belong to Nagaraju.	18--07--2024	**Rs. 12,02,603/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Two Thousand Six Hundred Three Only) **& Rs. 2,14,987/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	22-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
2.	AKEN GE012 6061	1.Mrs. Meerabai, 2.Mr. Narasojirao and 3.Mr. Ramesh .N	All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property No. 135, Khatha No. 38, 6th Cross Road, K.E.B Road, Anjana Nagar Ganesh Forum, Ward No. 72 in the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Maha Nagara Palike, , Assessment No. 38, Horahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Measuring East to West 15 ft ,North to South 40 ft including North Portion of the Property East to West : 15 ft, **North to South:** 10 ft in total measuring 750 sq ft and bounded by: **East By:** Remaining Portion 15*30 of Property No. 135 belongs to Shankar Murthy S.N, **West By:** Private Property , North By : Private Property, **South By:** Road, **Boundaries: North By:** Private Property **South By:** ROAD **East By:** Remaining Portion 15*30 of Property No. 135 belongs to Shankar Murthy S.N, **West By:** Private Property.	28--10--2024	**Rs. 11,64,853/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Three Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	22-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
3.	ABAN-GL002 3362	1.Mr. Raju, 2.Mrs. Chandrakala and 3.Mr. Manohar	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing of Site No.1, carved out of Sy.No.134,Khatha No. 111/1, Unique ID No.150300701501000151, situated at Srinivasapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelagamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently coming with in the Jurisdiction of Srinivasapura Grama Panchayath , measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft., and **bounded on: Boundaries: North By:** Land belongs to Giriyappa, **South By:** Road, **East By:** Road, **West By:** House belong to Mahadevaiah	28--10--2024	**Rs. 19,66,916/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	24-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
4.	AYELA H01342 77	1.Mrs. Padma and 2.Mr. Lokesh	All That Piece and Parcel of immovable property bearing Khaneshumari Khata No.185/108/4/1, Situated at Kengal Gollarahatti Village, Kengal Dakale, Sumpura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Measuring East West: 33ft, North South: 29ft, Bonded on **Boundaries: North By:** Road **South By:** House belongs to Renukamma and Daddaiah **East By:** House beings to Kariyamma **West By:** Property belongs to Kariyappa	28--10--2024	**Rs. 7,51,804/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Four Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	24-02-2025 Symbolic Possession
5.	AYELA H01275 64	1.Mr. Manjunath and 2.Mrs. Varalakshmi S N	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Sy.No.136/12, Old Sy.No.136, Situated at, Needavanda Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamagala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Measuring 0-05 Gunta **Boundaries: North By:** Road **South By:** Property belongs to Veeranna **East By:** Government Road **West By:** Property belongs to Lakshmidevi	23--12--2024	**Rs. 10,09,225/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Only) **as on 20.02.2025**	24-02-2025 Symbolic Possession

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: BANGLAORE
Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited

Kuhnemann's bowling action cleared by ICC

Australia's left-arm spinner Matthew Kuhnemann, who was reported for an illegal bowling action during the second Test against Sri Lanka last month, has been cleared by the ICC after undergoing extensive testing in Brisbane. The spinner, who made his Test debut for Australia in 2023, has 25 wickets to his name so far from five matches.

Afghanistan Ibrahim Zadran reacts after his century on Wednesday | AFP

Afghanistan pull off thrilling win vs England

AGENCIES @ Lahore

IBRAHIM Zadran and Azmatullah Omarzai emerged as the heroes as Afghanistan beat England in a thriller in their Champions Trophy league encounter here. On the back of a brilliant, competition high 177, the Asian outfit had set Jos Buttler's side a target of 326.

England, low on confidence with a lot of batters fighting for their future in the side, had the target in sight courtesy of Joe Root's first 100 in almost six years. But they faltered at the end as they lost by eight runs. The Group B clash at the Gaddafi Stadium was effectively a knockout. Afghanistan face another must-not-lose encounter against Australia. Playing under the cloud of boycott calls from some British politicians over the plight of women in the Taliban-ruled nation, Afghanistan elected to bat in a bid to bounce back from their opening loss. But they soon slipped to 37-3 inside nine overs before Zadran pulled the innings together with a fourth-wicket partnership of 103 with skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi, who made 40. Zadran later added 111 for the sixth wicket with Mohammad Nabi, who hit 40 in 24 balls. Zadran, 23, took apart the England bowling and went past his previous ODI best of 162 in his 146-ball knock laced with 12 fours and six sixes. He not only broke his own record for Afghanistan's highest individual ODI score but also a tournament record, days after Ben Duckett's 165 in England's opening loss to Australia.

Brief scores: Afghanistan 325/7 in 50 ovs (Zadran 177, Archer 3/64) bt England 317 in 49.5 ovs (Root 120; Omarzai 5/58).

TODAY'S MATCH:
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IOC seal of approval for World Boxing

Body formed in 2023 to 'save' sport recognised by Olympic committee, first step for discipline to be part of LA 2028

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a significant development for boxing and its survival in the Olympics, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Wednesday gave provisional recognition to World Boxing. This may help boxing's path back in the Olympics programme at LA.

The IOC said: "the Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee provisionally recognised WB as the International Federation (IF) within the Olympic Movement governing the sport of boxing at world level, during a remote meeting held today". When the WB was launched in April 2023 with the objective of ensuring the sport is part of the Olympics in Paris and beyond, they had hoped to get as many countries affiliated with them but the path was not easy. It started with the Common Cause Alliance of nine nations — the Netherlands, US, Ireland, United Kingdom, Australia, France, Canada, Philippines and Ireland.

The WB welcomed the decision and its president Boris van der Vorst said that this was a "significant step for everyone connected with the sport of boxing in the Olympic Movement. Keeping its place at the Olympic Games is absolutely critical to the future of our sport at every level, from the grassroots to the highest echelons of professional boxing, and this decision by the IOC takes us one step closer to our objective of seeing boxing restored to the Olympic programme." While speaking to this daily during the Paris Olympics, he said that there were positive vibes and by the end of the Games they would be able to get the support of 50 national federations. On February 18 this year, the membership of national federations had gone up to 78 (more than half).

The IOC added: "... WB is composed of 78 National Federations from the five continents; and four continental confederations are already established" and the federation has given evidence that "62 per cent of the boxers and 58 per cent of the boxing medallists at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 are affiliated to National Federations that are members of World Boxing." The IOC also agrees that WB "applies the sports integrity process implemented during the Olympic Games Paris 2024 by the Paris Boxing Unit, including with independent oversight." The IBA, the world body that was previously controlling the sport, was de-affiliated and banished by the IOC in June 2023.

The IOC said it is satisfied with the good governance (including the World Boxing Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy and declaration form, Anti-Corruption Policy, and Finance and Audit Committee Terms of Reference), and has demonstrated strong willingness and effort in enhancing good governance and implementation, to be compliant with the appropriate standards. The IOC said the WB has provided assurances with regard to its revenue-generating process on the basis of multi-year commercial partnership agreements covering the period 2025-2028.

In May 2024, the WB met the IOC and spoke about its revival. However, according to the WB, the provisional recognition is just the beginning. "Today's decision by the IOC is an important milestone, however everyone connected with WB understands that being part of the Olympic Movement is a privilege and a responsibility and not a right," van der Vorst added in the WB statement.

WB chief Boris van der Vorst

"There is still a lot of work to do, and everyone is as committed as ever to continuing to work together and doing everything within our power to deliver a better future for our sport and ensuring that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement."

Indian angle

This will give a new twist to the Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) ad hoc committee saga as well. Since WB is recognised as an IF now, it can direct the IOA to keep away from BFI affairs. Yet whatever the WB does, the elections need to be held as soon as possible. According to sports code and various court orders, for re-election of office-bearers, 2/3 majority is mandatory.

Given a chance, ready to lead BFI: Vijender

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

AS the situation in the Boxing Federation of India gets more chaotic, Beijing Olympics and former World Championship medallist Vijender Singh has thrown his hat in the ring to contest the election. He is convinced that right now boxing in India needs a fresh start and he would be able to give direction.

"I'm ready to take any responsibility including leading the federation and giving direction to the sport," Vijender told this daily. During the conversation with this newspaper, he had been pointing out that boxing in the country is not progressing as it should have been. He feels that with his experience as a player who has seen the growth of boxing from the grassroots up close, he would be able to help. "I can help with my experience as a player and my managerial skills," he said. "Elections must be held as early as possible or the players will suffer. I am sure competent authorities will take the appropriate decision." He said that the country's boxers should not suffer.

Vijender's decision has come a couple of days after the Indian Olympic Association formed an ad hoc committee to run the day-to-day affairs of the federation and conduct elections that were supposed to be held on or before February 2. The ad hoc committee already had their first meeting on Tuesday and on Wednesday, they had one more meeting to discuss the road map for the elections. Madhukant Pathak, who heads the ad hoc panel, said the elections will be held by April 20. Rajesh Bhandari, one of the five members on the panel and a former secretary of the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF), welcomed the decision and said it is good for the sport if former athletes come forward to lend a helping hand. "Vijender is an accomplished boxer and his experience will always be good for the development of the sport," he told this daily from Kotkhai.

Bhandari also said that the BFI should have held the elections before February 2. "We had been reminding the officials including the president but no one was listening and IOA had to step in," said Bhandari who is part of the BFI as vice president (north zone). "We are finalizing the roadmap and will have elections within two months."

Some of the top BFI officials also alleged that despite forming a seven-member committee to facilitate the smooth conduct of the elections, nothing moved forward.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MALEWAR & NAIR POWER VIDARBHA

AGENCIES @ Nagpur

A horrible mix-up between Karun Nair (86) and Danish Malewar (138 not out) denied the former a deserving century but their contributions took Vidarbha to a formidable 254/4 at stumps on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy final against Kerala here on Wednesday. Nair and Malewar led a strong fightback for the hosts at the VCA Stadium after Kerala seamers struck early thrice to leave Vidarbha struggling at 24 for three.

The pair put on a resolute 215-run stand for the fourth wicket consuming as many as 414 deliveries across the three sessions, mixing caution with aggression to give Vidarbha a strong footing in the summit clash. But it ended abruptly against the flow of the game, when both Nair and Malewar went for a non-existent run which ended up in the dismissal of the former, 14 runs short of a deserving century.

Having toiled for a breakthrough for nearly 68 overs, Kerala opted for a late second new ball in the 82nd over.

Eden Apple Tom's innocuous delivery outside the off-stump saw the new red cherry swinging more than expected, forcing the wicketkeeper Mohammed Azharuddeen to move to his right to collect the ball between him and the first slip. The ball, however, slipped under both the keeper and the first slip and realising an opportunity for a possible run, both Nair and Malewar

Danish Malewar celebrates after reaching his century | BCCI

nodded and set off for a run. But at second slip, Rohan Kunnummal was quick to get to the ball and throw it at the striker's end, which gave very little time for Nair to be back inside the crease.

Nair (86 off 188 balls, 8x4s, 1x6s) threw his bat in frustration but that was all that he could've done. Nonetheless, it was a fine knock from the senior pro who not only chipped in with a vital knock which helped Vidarbha stage a recovery but he also shepherded a young batter well in their long association in the middle. The 21-year-old Malewar, coming in at the coveted No 4 slot, gave a fine example of himself producing his best knock till date, reaching 138 not out off 259 balls for his second First-Class century in his maiden season. Malewar made the most of his recent form having notched up scores of 75 and 79 in the knockout games.

Brief scores: Vidarbha 254/4 in 86 ovs (D Malewar 138 n.o, K Nair 86; MD Nidheesh 2/33) vs Kerala.

Dope suspended wrestlers at IIS camp and Dangal raise eyebrows

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AN international camp held for women wrestlers at the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) last month and Haryana Dangal organised by the charitable trust on February 19 and 20 have come under the scanner due to participation of athletes serving provisional suspensions for dope violations.

The camp was organised at the IIS, Vijayanagar, Karnataka close on the heels of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the United World Wrestling (UWW) and IIS during the 2024 Paris Olympics last year. "This strategic partnership is designed to foster collaboration and enhance the development of wrestling in India by establishing a framework for mutually beneficial programs, projects, and activities," said an UWW statement soon after the signing of the MoU. Incidentally, an exposure trip to Italy was also planned for a few men and women wrestlers by the IIS after the completion of the camp. One of the selected wrestlers for the trip too was provisionally suspended by the World Anti Doping Agency (for SARMS) after prohibited substances were found in his sample taken during an international tournament in July 2023. The trip, however, is unlikely to go ahead with chances of selection trials for the Asian Championships next month. Besides, the Italy Federation has enquired its Indian counterpart (Wrestling Federation of India) about the trip and the latter has clarified that it is not part of the plan and the list contains a provisionally suspended wrestler.

"I cannot comment on the issue," was the response from an IIS official when queried about the participation of a provisionally suspended wrestler in the camp. He, however, said the tour may not go ahead due to the proposed selection trials.

Meanwhile, Siyanand, head of IIS, Hisar, who was also the tournament director at the Haryana Dangal, accepted the woman wrestler had participated in the camp. "She has been provisionally suspended, that's why she was allowed in the camp. Again that's what my opinion is as only higher officials at the IIS can talk about this elaborately," Siyanand told this daily. Speaking on suspended wrestlers competing in the Dangal including the above-mentioned woman wrestler, he said, "The said woman wrestler was disqualified ahead of her bouts. We spoke to the National Anti Doping Agency and once we got confirmation from it then we didn't allow her to participate."

Interestingly, quite a few suspended wrestlers competed at the tournament with a few of them winning a bout or two. "We prevented a few from competing but as we didn't have any comprehensive list of suspended wrestlers, there is a possibility that a few might have gone to participate," added the tournament director.

The competition was held at the Haryana Agriculture University, Giri Centre, Shahid Madan Lal Dhingra Multipurpose Hall in Hisar. Each participant was charged ₹1000 as entry fee for the tournament, which was held in four weight categories in each style (men's freestyle and Greco-Roman and women's wrestling). Interestingly, a couple of coaches from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) also assisted the tournament director for the competition.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Qualifier Halys shocks Rublev in opening round of Dubai C'ships

DUBAI: Third-seeded Andrey Rublev followed up his Qatar Open title with a first-round exit at the Dubai Championships, losing to qualifier Quentin Halys 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5). For the 77th-ranked Halys, who next faces Roberto Bautista Agut, it was his first win over a top-10 player. Top-seeded Daniil Medvedev beat Jan-Lennard Struff 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Copa del Rey: Atletico hold Barca in eight-goal thriller

BARCELONA: Atletico Madrid conceded a two-goal lead then fought back from two down in a 4-4 draw with Barcelona in a Copa del Rey semifinal first leg thriller on Tuesday. After Diego Simeone's side scored twice in the opening six minutes through Julian Alvarez and Antoine Griezmann, Barca raced through the gears in a high-octane battle.

Indian women's football team suffers 0-3 loss against Korea

SHARJAH: The Indian senior women's team went down to Korea 0-3 in their Pink Ladies Cup match at the Al Hamriya Sports Club Stadium here. The Koreans, placed 20th in the FIFA rankings, led 2-0 at half time. While Choi Yoojung (8') and Choi Dagyeong (27') put Korea in the lead in the first half, Mun Eunju added the third in the 81st minute.

Chelsea thrash Southampton; Villa suffer loss

AGENCIES @ London

CHELSEA demolished Southampton 4-0 to stay in the race for the top four of the Premier League, but Aston Villa's hopes of Champions League football next season diminished after a 4-1 defeat at Crystal Palace.

After a run of three consecutive defeats, Chelsea badly needed a response against bottom-of-the-table Saints, who are set for an immediate return to the Championship.

The Blues duly delivered with three first-half goals through Christopher Nkunku, Pedro Neto and Levi Colwill for just a third league win 11 games. Meanwhile, Villa have won just one of their last seven league games after a capitulation at Selhurst Park. Brighton beat Bournemouth 2-1. **Tuesday's results:** Brighton **2-1** Bournemouth; Chelsea **4-0** Southampton; Crystal Palace **4-1** Aston Villa; Wolves **1-2** Fulham.

Mumbai's Nat Sciver-Brunt hit 44-ball 75 on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

WPL: MI regain top spot

ENS @ Chennai

A massive partnership between allrounders Natalie Sciver-Brunt and Hayley Matthews gave Mumbai Indians a clinical win against UP Warriorz in the Women's Premier League in Bengaluru on Wednesday. With this win, Mumbai regained the top position.

Mumbai looked shellshocked in the first innings when UP's Grace Harris and Vrinda Dinesh smashed 62 runs in the powerplay. Harmanpreet Kaur's side made a comeback with the ball in the middle overs with Sciver-Brunt taking three wickets. UP's middle and lower-order could not push the scoring rate and managed to score 142 for nine.

In the chase, Mumbai started off slowly in the powerplay but Sciver-Brunt once again took the centre stage with 75 runs while Matthews contributed 59 runs.

Brief scores: UPW 142/9 in 20 ovs (Harris 45; Sciver-Brunt 3/18) **lost to** MI 143/2 in 17 ovs (Sciver-Brunt 75, Matthews 59).

Hockey teams' progress card ahead of big 2026

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

THE lights have been turned off, the fireworks burst and the keys have been tucked away by the groundskeeper of the Kalinga Stadium. India's home hockey season has come to a close for the two senior sides and now is an opportune time to take stock of where both sides are, with respect to the upcoming Asia Cup and leading into a World Cup year as well as the Asian Games (it will, as is customary these days, double up as the Olympic qualifier).

For starters, the Hockey India League, even if it's a welcome addition to the calendar, has taken its toll on a number of players. At least one senior player this daily spoke to was worried about the load he had carried over the last two months or so. Coach Craig Fulton said that the management would continuously monitor the workloads of all players at HIL 2026 before taking a call on their participation for the next

Women's team will go on an exposure trip to Australia in April | EXPRESS

edition of the Pro League. He's open to the idea of resting several first-team players if they are close to the red zone in terms of picking up muscular injuries.

Because of the extended season, the players will have a short break before they reconvene at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) campus in Bengaluru on March 16. Like in some of the previous years, some of the players will leave to play the national championships for their respective states but a lot will depend on what condition the players are in (the management may adopt a case-by-case basis before releasing them).

After the nationals, there will be a training block at home — the men's first this year — before the European leg of the Pro League. Once that is over, they will host the Asia Cup in Bihar in August. At the Asia Cup, they will likely be joined by Paddy Upton, the mental conditioning coach who has worked with the team in the past, including at the Olympics last year. An already loaded 2026 could become jam-packed if India's back-channel lobbying to hold a joint CWG featuring all the axed sports is rubber-stamped (it's only in the preliminary stage and has to go through a lot of processes).

The men's team at least has that clarity of knowing they will be playing the tournament at home. The women's side do not even have that clarity for the time being. "Nobody has told us anything," said coach Harendra Singh. "You people (the media) should ask."

Fresh from holding Netherlands before defeating the world champions in a shootout, Singh revealed that they would be going on an exposure trip to Australia in April-May. These kinds of trips are important as it gives the women more opportunities to play against some of the world's best on a periodic basis.

Talking of the world's best, the Indian forwards had a chance to work with Australia's Michael McCann, an exponent in the art of finishing from close range, before the home Pro League leg. "We noticed teams were playing low and we need different skill sets than just be able to turn from the top of the 'D' and shoot, we need more nine-yard skills so why not bring in a specialist who knows that and can do that," Fulton had told the media a few days ago. The plan is for McCann, who lives in Australia, to have more sessions in the months to come.

With a valid prior permit, foreign tourists can now finally explore Gurez Valley in North Kashmir

Uttarakhand to launch an online permit system for Indian tourists to visit the Indo-China Border Areas

IS KARNATAKA THE NEW GOA?

Karnataka ramps up coastal tourism with ambitious policies and infrastructure, while Goa diversifies beyond its beaches reshaping its travel landscape...

Maravanthe Beach

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

KARNATAKA is stepping into the limelight as India's next major coastal destination, with ambitious plans and policies that have ignited comparisons to Goa. While we decode why Karnataka can be considered the new Goa, there is no denying that both these states are making significant strides in tourism development, particularly along its coastline. With Goa moving from the coastline and Karnataka moving towards it.

For decades, Goa has been synonymous with beach tourism. Its golden sands, thriving nightlife and Portuguese heritage have drawn visitors from across the globe. However, the heavy reliance on its beaches has led to saturation, seasonal fluctuations and mounting environmental concerns. Travellers today seek experiences beyond the conventional sun-and-sand holiday, leading Goa to diversify its offerings. The state has rolled out initiatives like *Beyond Beaches*, aimed at drawing attention to its hinterlands, heritage and adventure tourism. Yet, as Goa evolves, Karnataka is emerging as a strong contender in the coastal tourism space, capturing attention with its pristine beaches, untouched landscapes and dynamic government-backed initiatives.

The *Karnataka Tourism Policy 2024-29* underscores the state's ambitious goals to establish itself among India's top coastal tourism destinations. It introduces a strategic roadmap covering 25 tourism themes and 44 distinct products, ensuring a holistic approach to tourism development. While Karnataka has long been celebrated for its hill stations, wildlife sanctuaries, regional cuisines and historical sites, its coastal tourism sector is now receiving unprecedented attention. The government has approved substantial investments in infrastructure, digital platforms and incentives to attract private stakeholders. A dedicated *Coastal Tourism Development Board* has been proposed, with a master plan underway to revitalise the state's beachfront offerings.

Beach development is at the forefront of this transformation, with projects such as the redevelopment of Udupi's beaches and the introduction of a long-awaited beach shack policy. Unlike Goa, which has decades of established beachside infrastructure, Karnataka is in the process of crafting its own unique coastal identity. The final beach shack policy, currently in the works, is set to formalise and regulate beach tourism, ensuring both sustainability and a vibrant coastal experience. The government is also exploring tent tourism, relaxed alcohol restrictions and extended operating hours for coastal businesses, echoing Goa's long-standing reputation for nightlife and hospitality.

Gokarna Beach

Kapu Beach

Palolem Beach, Goa

St Mary's Island Beach

At the recent *Connect 2024* event in Mangalore, *Karnataka's Tourism Department* reinforced its commitment to evolving tourism offerings. Among the major highlights was the plan to streamline approvals for tourism projects within the *Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)*, making it easier for investors to develop beachside attractions while ensuring environmental safeguards. This careful balance between development and conservation is crucial, as Karnataka looks to position itself as an alternative to Goa's heavily commercialised beach landscape. Beyond infrastructure, Karnataka's coastal appeal lies in its relatively untouched beaches and rich cultural tapestry. Destinations like Gokarna, Karwar and Murudeshwar are already gaining traction among travellers seeking tranquillity and scenic beauty without the overwhelming crowds of Goa. These beaches offer a more laid-back experience, complemented by spiritual landmarks, vibrant local festivals and an emerging adventure tourism sector. Water sports, trekking trails and eco-tourism initiatives are being actively promoted to cater to a new wave of experience-driven tourists.

The shift towards Karnataka is not solely a result of government initiatives; changing traveller behaviour also plays a role. Many seasoned tourists who have frequented Goa are now seeking fresh destinations and Karnataka's pristine coastline offers an appealing alternative given the proximity. The state's efforts to create a well-rounded tourism experience — incorporating cultural heritage, adventure and wellness alongside beach tourism — make it a compelling choice for both domestic and international visitors. "Goa has long been the beach destination for me but over the years I've seen it getting transformed into an over populated nightmare. The crowded airports, the taxi travel and the over priced hotels, the charm is definitely lost. Karnataka has a larger coastline so, it's great that the state is now taking a keen interest in making the beaches more attractive to travellers. Gokarna and Mangaluru are at the top of my list and I'm looking forward to seeing these featured on the beautiful beaches list," reveals Priyanka Rajwar, travel blogger and textile revivalist.

Despite these developments, Goa remains an iconic destination, with a deeply ingrained tourism culture that Karnataka cannot replicate overnight. However, what Karnataka lacks in legacy, it makes up for in potential. "As a frequent travel bug who enjoys beaches, it's thrilling to see the changes in the tourism landscape. These new changes such as the shacks, the extended beach hours the enhancement of safety, tent tourism etc are uplifting the beaches of Karnataka and this makeover is going to drive tourists, like me, towards Karnataka than Goa," shares Amber Sundka, celeb traveller.

With expansive beaches and *Blue Flag* certifications, an ambitious policy framework and a commitment to sustainable tourism, it is well on its way to carving out a distinct space in India's tourism map. Whether Karnataka will truly become the new Goa remains to be seen, but what is certain is that the state is no longer just a footnote in India's travel industry — it is rapidly becoming an all-rounded destination in its own right.

Punjab reveals a grand plan to revive tourism

Preserving Sikh heritage remains a priority, with restoration efforts underway at several historic places...

ALWIN BENJAMIN SOJI

PUNJAB is undergoing a remarkable transformation in tourism and cultural preservation under the leadership of chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. With a renewed focus on heritage restoration and modern tourism initiatives, the state aims to reclaim its status as a premier travel destination.

Tourism minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond announced that approximately ₹73 crore was allocated in 2024 for the restoration and modernisation of historical and cultural monuments. This investment has significantly revitalised key heritage sites and launched projects designed to boost tourism across the region. As 2025 unfolds, Punjab's renowned fairs and festivals are set to be celebrated on an unprecedented scale, drawing visitors from around the world. The year commenced with colourful events, including the *Basant Mela* in Ferozepur and the celebrated *Rural Olympics* in Kila Raipur.

Minister Tarunpreet emphasised that the government's commitment to preserving Punjab's rich history and traditions has led to notable improvements at prominent landmarks. Renovations at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Museum in Khatkar Kalan, the Saragarhi Museum in Ferozepur and Sarai Lashkari Khan in Khanna have enhanced the visitor experience. Furthermore, the Bhagwan Valmiki Ji Panorama was inaugurated with grandeur, while the permanent light and sound show at Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Summer Palace in Amritsar has become a key attraction during the *Rangla Punjab Festival*.

Preserving Sikh heritage remains a priority, with restoration efforts underway at Jahaz Haveli, the historic residence of *diwan* Todar Mal (a wealthy merchant and a prominent figure in 17th-century Punjab) in Fatehgarh Sahib. "*Diwan* Todar Mal's contribution to Sikh history is invaluable and safeguarding his legacy is our shared responsibility," Tarunpreet stated. Punjab's dedication to cultural and rural tourism has garnered national recognition. Nawanpind Sardaran in Gurdaspur was named *India's Best Tourism Village* in 2023, while Hansali Farmstay in Fatehgarh Sahib received top honours in the *Agri-Tourism* category in 2024. With strategic investments and a focus on cultural celebrations, heritage preservation and innovative tourism strategies, Punjab is poised to re-establish itself as a land of legends and enduring traditions.

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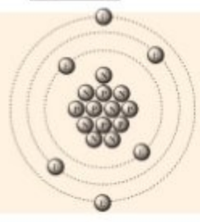

VALUE

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THE EXPERIMENT

Ernest O Lawrence asked Martin Kamen to launch an intensive campaign to determine whether or not the radioisotope could be created

Puneeth Rajkumar's Appu to re-release

PG 4

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Sydney Road; 2) Mayo Hall; 3) Ramanagara

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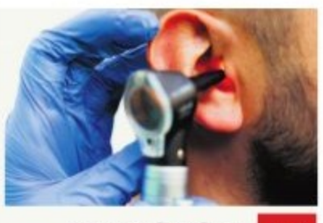
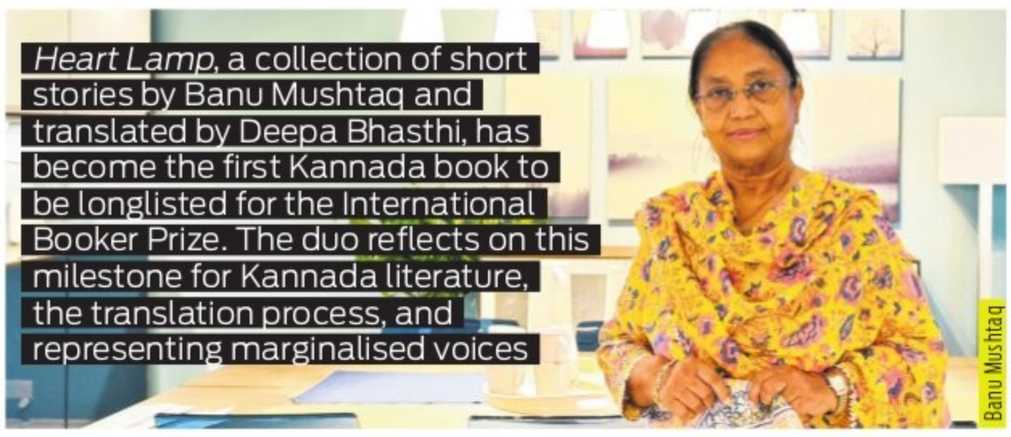
2) Chitra Ramaswamy
3) Hemanth Pai



LEND A EAR PG 3

DIVINE SERENADE

Playback singer Sonu Nigam, famed for hits like *Suraj Hua Maddham* and *Nadi Nadi Endu*, captured in performance during his recent concert at Phoenix Marketcity



Heart Lamp, a collection of short stories by Banu Mushtaq and translated by Deepa Bhasthi, has become the first Kannada book to be longlisted for the International Booker Prize. The duo reflects on this milestone for Kannada literature, the translation process, and representing marginalised voices

Banu Mushtaq

PRECEDENT SETTER

Originally written in Hindi, *Tomb of Sand* by Geetanjali Shree was translated by Daisy Rockwell and became the first Indian book to win the International Booker Prize in 2022. The book tells the tale of an 80-year-old woman who falls into deep depression after her husband's death and goes to Lahore, where she lived as a girl, in search of her first love.

A LITERARY LANDMARK

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

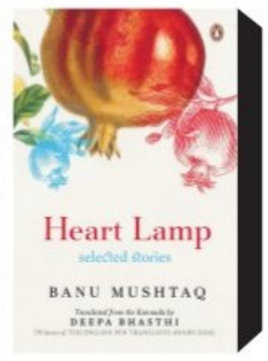
WHEN I was informed, I was overwhelmed and very happy for myself, the Kannada language, the state and our entire country because it is a time for celebration," says Banu Mushtaq, in a moment of respite from what was a busy morning after the announcement of her newly-translated short story collection being longlisted for The International Booker Prize. In a landmark moment for Kannada literature, the collection, *Heart Lamp* (Penguin India, ₹399), has become the first Kannada book to be longlisted, among 12 others across the world, for the award which is given to books translated into English. Translator Deepa Bhasthi adds to this, saying, "We have such an amazing body of literature stretching back to over 1,000 years but unfortunately, not many translations come out, even within India, of Kannada. We are very proud and hopefully, this will encourage more translations from Kannada to English."

A Voice of Courage

The book, set to be released in April, features 12 short stories written between 1990 and 2023, revolving around the lives of ordinary girls and women in South India's Muslim communities and paints a picture of familial and communal tensions. Readers may be familiar with the story 'Black Cobras' or 'Kari Nagaragalu' which was adapted into the film *Hasina* by Girish Kasaravalli. For the author, who is also an outspoken lawyer and activist, this moment is also one of vindication. "I have also been punished for my views, values and convictions. There were fatwas issued against me and there was an order of excommunication because I stated that even women are allowed to enter mosques, and in the Quran, they are not restricted. So, some fanatics got offended," she says, recalling one of the most challenging moments in her journey so far.

Deepa Bhasthi

Mushtaq, who has written prolifically since the 1970s as a part of the Bandaya movement in Kannada literature, centres the voices of some of the most oppressed in our society. She says of her inspirations, "Most of my short stories are reactions to our contemporary society. Particularly, news items which challenge my heart. I am also a practising lawyer, and there are so many clients who come to me, and talk less about legal things and more about their personal experiences – issues they face, what they feel, how they feel, how they are subjugated and are humiliated, and how they want to come out of it."



Universally Engaging

Apart from its pertinent subject matter, the book was acknowledged by judges for its 'witty, colloquial, moving, and excoriating style'. For Madikeri-based translator Bhasthi, retaining this style and its charm in English was no easy task. "What is so amazing about Banu's stories is that although they are obviously written in Kannada, a lot of her phrases might come from Urdu, Arabic, Dakhni; or the Kannada could be very specific to the Hassan region. It was challenging, but I tried to keep as much of that local flavour as possible without making it very esoteric," she says, adding, "There is a delicate balance that I think all translators hope to achieve – to get under the skin of the stories, but also not make it so foreign that somebody reading it across the world thinks it is too alien for them to understand."

Despite this focus on representing historically marginalised voices, Bhasthi notes that these stories rooted in human experience are bound to touch people across contexts. "Even though her characters might have Muslim names, they are not just stories about Muslim women. Be it in India or anywhere in the world, we all go through similar struggles. We are always under pressure from patriarchy and from religious fanaticism. I hope everyone reading it realises that this is a far more universal book," she says.

From breastmilk to even the ashes of a lost child, three women jewellers transform memories into keepsakes through jewellery

PRESERVING EMOTIONS

Breastmilk pendants and bracelet after the painstaking production process

It's a deeply emotional keepsake that captures the essence of a mother's breastfeeding journey. Each piece tells a story of love, sacrifice and the bond between mother and child

Varshita DH, a DNA jeweller

GAYATHRI M KURUP

SOME memories are forever etched in our minds; people closest to us, with the emotions connected to them, make us want to go back and relive every moment. We are reminded of them in unique ways: maybe a song, a particular fragrance, or a favourite food. But what about preserving memories in jewellery?

From breastmilk to a strand of a baby's hair, nails, umbilical cord, or even the ashes of a lost child, three women jewellers in Bengaluru create DNA jewellery, transforming treasured memories into emotional tokens. These pieces carry profound meaning, and act as souvenirs for one's intimate moments. "It's a deeply emotional keepsake that captures the essence of a mother's breastfeeding journey. Each piece tells a story of love, sacrifice, and the unbreakable bond between a mother and her child. It serves as a constant reminder of those precious moments – nursing a newborn, bonding through skin-to-skin contact, and embracing the joys and challenges of motherhood," says Varshita DH, founder of Momma's Precious Gift. "Every mom has a different and unique story which they want to keep in memory forever," adds Namitha Naveen, the founder of Milky Memories.

The process of turning breastmilk into jewellery is meticulous. After the milk is collected, it is carefully preserved. Hygiene plays a crucial role in the process, as each product is at a risk of spoilage. To prevent this, the moisture of the milk is removed, and the latter is combined with resin to create a solid and durable material, ensuring it remains intact for years to come. The mixture is then moulded into desired jewellery: rings, pendants, lockets, and bracelets are finally polished and finished with protective coatings. Additional details like engraving the baby's name, birth details, or embellishments can be further added.

"After seven years of marriage, I had a baby boy and we got him a long-awaited treasure. I was planning since the day I got pregnant to preserve all his precious moments! But one day I came across an Instagram post that left me in awe. It said we could preserve our breastmilk and make jewellery to last till lifetime; I couldn't ask for any more! I have a satisfaction now as this could be the best memory that my kid will carry for his lifetime," shares Geerthi, a customer.

It was motherhood itself that inspired the three craftswomen to introduce something unconventional yet memorable. Their journeys began with their personal needs – realising that they longed for a way to preserve the precious memories of their breastfeeding experiences. "My motherhood inspired me to explore breastmilk jewellery as a way to preserve the emotional connection and memories of breastfeeding for my daughter," shares Anita Radhakrishna Vemuri, the founder of Maa's Milky Memories.

CITY READS

School celebrates Seetha Jayanthi on Mother's Day

On February 21, Purnapramati, a school in Banashankari, celebrated Mother's Day on Seetha Jayanthi to commemorate the birth of Maa Seetha where students engaged in the act of ritualistic ceremony to showcase gratitude. The event aimed to pay tribute to all mothers as students prepared affectionate letters and joined in to play mother-child bonding games. The special guest for the event Kalpavalli Malurkar **(in pic)**, wife of AS Malurkar, retired DG & IGP of Karnataka, said, "The programme was unlike anything I have seen elsewhere. I am thrilled that the school is continuing our rich tradition."

Gas corporation organises cyclothon for clean energy

GAIL (India) organised a cyclathon in Bengaluru on February 23 at the Sahakar Nagar playground as part of the Saksham 2024 - '25 initiative. This year's theme, Cleaner Environment through Green and Clean Energy, was brought to life through the organisation's commitment to sustainability and environment responsibility. Around 100 members actively participated in the event and engaged in various cycling events.

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Artisans Bazaar
There is a memory in every single piece of art.
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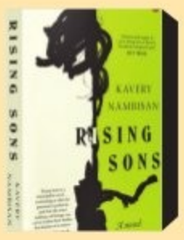
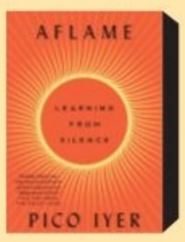


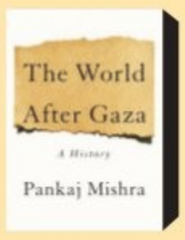
Rising Sons
by Kavery Nambisan

Set in pre-independent India, the novel explores the lives of two brothers and their evolving relationship with their family, society and personal identities while examining the tension between tradition and progress.



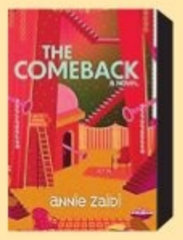
Aflame: Learning From Silence
by Pico Iyer

In *Aflame*, Iyer connects with inner stillness and joy discussing how silence can offer a space for introspection and a deeper understanding of ourselves.



The World After Gaza: A History
by Pankaj Mishra

A book that critically examines the Israel-Palestine conflict, focusing on the West's role in Israel's establishment and its ongoing policies toward Palestinians. It offers new historical narratives to address injustices.



The Comeback: A Novel
by Annie Zaidi

Restrained and incisive, *The Comeback* is a story of the price of betrayal, friendship, forgiveness, second chances, and the transformative power of art.

THEATRICAL NUPTIALS

College students perform *Maduve Hennu* during intercollege drama fest Rangasourabha 2025 at Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

EGGLESS COFFEE WALNUT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Warm milk:** 3tbsp
- **Coffee powder:** 1tsp
- **Yogurt:** 1/4cup
- **Baking soda:** 1/4tsp
- **Oil:** 1/4cup
- **Vanilla essence:** 1tsp
- **Wheat flour:** 3/4cup
- **Baking powder:** 1/2tsp
- **Brown sugar:** 1/3cup
- **Chopped walnuts**

METHOD

- In a large bowl add milk, coffee powder, yoghurt, and baking soda. Mix and set it aside for five minutes.
- Combine brown sugar, oil, and vanilla essence and whisk them with baking soda mix.
- Now, add flour and baking powder to it and mix well.
- Transfer the batter to the pan and sprinkle chopped walnuts all over the top.
- Bake at 180°C in a preheated oven for 25-30 mins. Serve and enjoy.

Contributed by **Preethi N,** Kannur

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The writer is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

I want to start hula hooping. What should I keep in mind?

Hula-hooping burns calories while having fun. It helps develop core strength and improve coordination but remember great abs are made in the kitchen and there is no spot reduction. What works for slimming your waist is being in a calorie deficit, total body strength training, and core exercises teamed with a balanced diet.

ASK AN XPERT

- When choosing the hoop, opt for a 1-2 kg hoop. It's easier to manage, provides resistance for your core muscles, and is ideal for beginners. You can choose either the lightweight plastic hoops or metal hoops for more durability.
- The diameter of the hoop should be right for your body.
- Before starting the session, warm up for 5-10 minutes. Maintain good posture. Keep your core muscles activated by drawing your belly button towards your spine.
- Start with 10-15 minutes and gradually build your routine. Sip water in between. Incorporate core exercises, too.

FITBIT

SUKHASANA HUGS AND TWIST

(EASY POSE HUGS AND TWIST)

This pose is a variation of the Bear Hug Stretch Pose but with an added shoulder twist. It can be practised as a warm-up for the shoulders or as part of a cool-down routine after intense arm balance sequences. Easy Pose Hugs help open and stretch the rhomboid muscles, improving posture, flexibility, and shoulder mobility. Since it is performed in Sukhasana (Easy Pose), it is also suitable for senior yoga sequences, offering the same benefits while ensuring comfort. This pose is considered a warm-up for more intense yoga flows.

STEPS

- Sit in Sukhasana (Easy Pose). Inhale, open your arms to the sides at shoulder level, keeping them parallel to the floor.
- Exhale, bring your right arm across your front body, placing the right hand over the left shoulder blade. Then, bring your left arm across your front body, placing the left hand over the right shoulder blade.
- Hug your arms tightly around the rib cage, crossing them with the right arm over the left. Inhale deeply, pulling yourself into the hug.
- Once comfortable, begin twisting from left to right. Coordinate the movement with your breath.
- Repeat six times on each side. Exhale, return to the center, release your arms, and sit up in Sukhasana, taking deep breaths.
- Repeat the sequence, this time crossing the left arm over the right and twisting for another six rounds on each side.
- Finally, release the pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the upper back and shoulder blades.
- Strengthens and improves the range of motion of the rhomboid muscles.
- Relieves frozen shoulders, muscle tension, stiffness, or soreness – especially after heavy workouts.
- Serves as a cool-down pose for athletes, including gym-goers, swimmers, and rock climbers.
- Helps ease shoulder, neck, and arm tension, making it beneficial during breaks from desk work or before bed.
- Reduces stress, anxiety, and mental fatigue, promoting relaxation.
- Helps prevent sleep-disrupting cramps.
- Beneficial for senior citizens, improving shoulder mobility and maintaining upper spine posture, preventing a hunched back.
- Prepares students struggling with Garudasana (Eagle Pose) by improving shoulder and arm flexibility.
- Broadens the collarbones and chest.
- Opens the hips, reduces fatigue, and gently massages the knees, calves, and thighs.

LIMITATIONS

Avoid this pose if you have:

- Injuries in the knees, shoulders, arms, elbows, wrists, neck, upper back, chest, rib cage, or abdomen.
- Breathing issues, heart conditions, arthritis, spinal conditions (especially cervical spine issues), or sciatica.
- Tight shoulders – in this case, avoid overstretching or pulling too hard.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Touching Tunes

Spend your Thursday night jamming with Soul Smoke as they bring their musical spirits to you. The venue offers a range of cheeseburgers and cocktails to accompany the music!

WHEN: February 27, 9pm
WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, St. Mark's Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Healing Journey

Reconnect with and heal your inner child through blended techniques of energy healing. This event promises to guide you through deep healing techniques so that you can observe transformation from the first session.

WHEN: February 27, 7.15pm
WHERE: Creative Studio, Shanti Nagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

Musical Medley

Experience ragas from three different time zones of the day through one concert. Teen Prahar promises to feature instruments such as Sarangi, Sur Bahar, Clarinet, along with rare art forms like Haveli Sangeet and Dhrupad for a musical delight!

WHEN: February 27, 6pm
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Test Your Trivia

Join in for a game of trivia with strangers and get a chance to win prizes at this event. The venue has a range of drinks and eatables for you to choose from while you tackle the questions!

WHEN: February 27, 8pm **WHERE:** The Irish House, Bellandur
DETAILS: aceofpubs.com

Bookish Evenings

Join a literary panel discussion featuring **Shinie Antony**, Anuja Chandramouli, Jahnavi Barua, and Madhavi Mahadevan, moderated by Karthik Venkatesh as they explore the stories of revenge compiled in *Hell Hath No Fury*.

WHEN: February 27, 7pm
WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
DETAILS: attagalatta.com

Thespian Tales

Experience the Kannada play, *Thali* (The Breed), through artistes such as SN Sethuram and Usha Bhandari as they explore the concept of 'breed' within changing values and systems.

WHEN: February 27, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Flourishing Fair

Experience the newest creations under horticultural technologies showcased in over 250 stalls by various institutions. Expand your knowledge in the field and explore the intersections of nutrition, empowerment, and livelihood.

WHEN: February 27, 9am
WHERE: Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Kandapura
DETAILS: eventbrite.sg

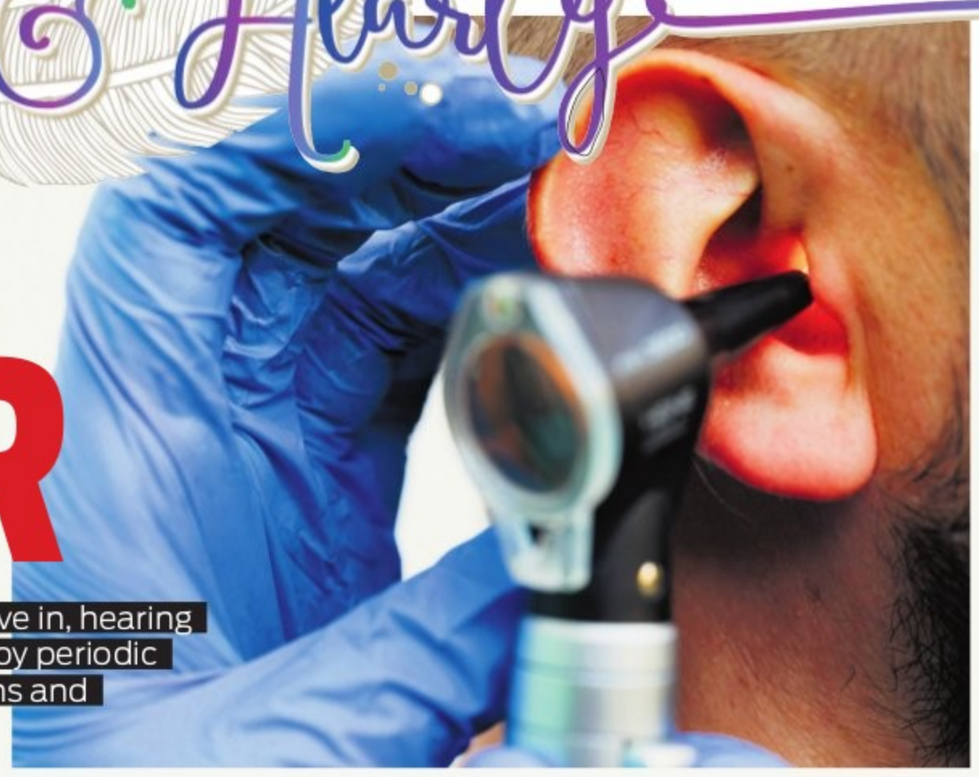
ARTCORNER

IN THE WILD

Artist Neha JS's work symbolises the connection between humanity and nature, reflecting its ability to nurture and comfort

LEND A EAR

In the noisy world we live in, hearing loss can be prevented by periodic audiological evaluations and mindfulness



SUBHASHINI DHANDAYUTHAM

WHAT comes to your mind when you hear the word 'deafness'? Hopeful music in the background, with children wearing hearing aids and communicating with gestures? Unfortunately, the mainstream portrayal of deafness has been often limited to this, while the management of deafness or hearing impairment is more advanced and will help in successful inclusion. March 3 of every year is commemorated as World Hearing Day and this is an annual campaign by the World Health Organisation for the prevention of deafness. Yes, you heard that right! Deafness due to various causes can be prevented.

How do I protect my hearing?

Following simple measures like avoiding loud noises, wearing earmuffs during concerts or a game in a stadium, limiting the use of listening devices or being mindful of volume levels in it, not pouring oil or water inside the ear canal, not inserting sharp objects to clean your ears and quitting smoking is a good start for it. But in the noisy world we live in, having periodical audiological evaluations is the best way to check your hearing capacity. Master health check-ups have become a norm which includes vision and dental, so why not hearing? Enquire about it with your health provider and include it in your annual health screening to seek early intervention. Often people wait until it is too late and seek an audiologist's support which can be avoided if you proactively choose to follow these simple steps alongside annual check-ups. It is natural that with ageing, hearing capacity may reduce but with early intervention and hearing aids, the outcomes are excellent. If you have an elderly individual at home, getting their hearing checked up is of paramount importance. Our hearing system is not just limited to the soft resilient ears – it has complex nerve connections to the brain and studies say that untreated hearing loss can lead to cognitive decline and social isolation. There is also the famous phrase, 'Hearing health is brain health' to evidence this. So, take action today and visit an audiologist to get your hearing checked!

What about children born with hearing loss?

As per a 2024 study, it is estimated that for every 1,000 newborns, five are born with permanent hearing loss. This unfortunately is not preventable. But solutions are available and acting fast is the key. Hearing opens the world of sound to the newborn, from the loving voice of the mother to the chaos of the traffic outside the home, babies stay connected to the environment and learn how to make sounds and eventually speak. The brain maximally learns skills, including speech and language up to three years of age. The most potent period is up to one year of age. So, intervention for hearing loss should be within this age. That is where newborn hearing screening comes into the picture. This will help in identifying whether a newborn needs immediate intervention or not. Several countries have the newborn hearing screening, but in India, some states have implemented this while others are striving towards it. The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing, a global committee that works towards identifying, treating, and monitoring infants with hearing loss recommends hearing screening by one month of age, audiological diagnosis by two months of age, and enrolment in early intervention by three months of age. Intervention can be hearing aids or cochlear implants, which are successful. With hearing aids or cochlear implants, at an early age combined with auditory training and speech therapy, the child can attend mainstream schooling and have a successful life comparable to their peers. Unfortunately, awareness on this is less despite the efforts of several government and non-government organisations.

How can I contribute to change?

Advocacy is key. Advocate for newborn hearing screening in every situation that warrants it. It is as important as undergoing vaccinations. Urge the policymakers to schedule it alongside vaccinations and vision examinations for newborns. This will improve the detection rates and invariably contribute to more infants receiving the intervention and a better chance of having a typical childhood. Remember their ears might be tiny but they matter a lot!

(The writer is an assistant professor in audiology at Dr SR Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Lingarajapuram)

How to manage swallowing woes

Here is all you need to know about dysphagia which is faced by many people and disrupts overall health

DR SABARI NATH HS

SWALLOWING difficulties, medically referred to as dysphagia, are common among individuals recovering from a stroke or receiving radiation therapy for head and neck cancers. It can lead to malnutrition, dehydration, and serious complications like aspiration pneumonia. However, with the right interventions, it can be managed.

Alternative feeding methods are recommended to maintain nutritional intake. Two commonly used options include:

Nasogastric (NG) Tube: This temporary feeding solution involves inserting a tube through the nose into the stomach. It provides a short-term way to deliver nutrition directly to the stomach while the patient recovers or undergoes therapy.

Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) Tube: A more long-term option, the PEG tube is inserted into the stomach through the abdominal wall. It is used when swallowing difficulties are expected to persist for a longer period.

Both methods ensure that patients receive adequate nutrition and hydration, reducing the risk of aspiration (food or liquid entering the airway). Despite their importance, the ultimate goal is to safely transition patients back to oral feeding.

Assessing swallowing function: The role of FEES

To determine the severity of swallowing issues, a Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) is performed, inserting a thin, flexible endoscope through the nose to observe the patient's swallowing process in real-time.

FEES allows clinicians to assess whether aspiration is occurring, the overall efficiency of the swallowing mechanism, and the safest consistencies of food and liquid for the patient. With these insights, a personalised rehabilitation plan can be developed to help patients resume eating and drinking.

Therapy and rehabilitation

Once the swallowing function is assessed, a structured therapy plan is essential. This typically involves a combination of dietary modifications, exercises, and behavioural techniques designed to strengthen the swallowing muscles and improve the patient's ability to manage food and liquid safely.

Key elements of swallowing rehabilitation

- **Dietary modifications:** Patients may be advised to consume pureed foods, thickened liquids, or smaller portions as changing food texture is a primary method of reducing aspiration risk
- **Swallowing exercises:** Pathologists teach specific exercises that strengthen muscles involved in swallowing and improve coordination.
- **Postural adjustments:** Body positions such as the chin-tuck maneuver or turning the head while swallowing, can redirect food to appropriate areas
- **Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES):** For some patients, this may be used to activate the muscles involved in swallowing, retrain them and improve function.
- **Compensatory strategies:** Techniques such as taking smaller bites, eating slowly, or avoiding straws improve swallowing efficiency and reduce the likelihood of aspiration.

Back to oral feeding

With the right interventions, many patients can improve their swallowing function over time. A multidisciplinary approach is essential to the recovery process, involving a laryngologist, swallowing pathologists, dietitians, and physiotherapists who work together to guide the patient's rehabilitation.

Regular reassessments are crucial to monitor progress and adjust the treatment plan. Over time, many patients can transition from tube feeding to oral intake, regaining the ability to enjoy food without the fear of aspiration or choking.

(The author is a consultant in Laryngology at SP Medifort Hospital, T'Puram)

LASER ANGIOPLASTY

A modern way to treat blocked arteries

Learn more about laser angioplasty, a safer alternative compared to traditional methods

DR PRAVEEN GL

HEART disease remains a leading cause of death worldwide, with blocked arteries (coronary artery disease) being a major contributor. To restore blood flow, cardiologists use a procedure called angioplasty and one of the advanced forms of this treatment is laser angioplasty to improve blood circulation and to prevent complications like heart attacks.

What is laser angioplasty?

Laser angioplasty is a minimally invasive procedure that uses a high-energy laser beam to break down fatty deposits (plaques) inside the arteries. It is typically performed when traditional methods, like balloon angioplasty or stenting, are not suitable or effective.

How it works

- Catheter insertion: A thin, flexible tube (catheter) is inserted into the blocked artery through a small incision, usually in the leg or arm.
- Laser activation: The catheter carries a laser probe that emits pulses of light energy.
- Plaque removal: The laser vaporises or breaks down the plaque into tiny particles, clearing the blockage.
- Improved blood flow: Once the artery is cleared, normal blood circulation is restored.
- Follow-up treatment: In some cases, a stent (metal mesh tube) may be placed to keep the artery open.

When is it used?

Laser angioplasty is recommended for patients with:

- Severe artery blockages where standard angioplasty may not work
- Calcified or hardened plaques that are difficult to treat with balloons
- Peripheral artery disease (PAD) affecting legs and arms.
- Patients at high risk for open-heart surgery.

Advantages

- Minimally invasive: No need for large surgical incisions.
- Faster recovery: Patients can go home within one or two days.
- Effective for complex cases: Works on tough blockages resistant to other treatments.
- Less risk of clots: Reduces plaque without crushing it.

Risk factors

While laser angioplasty is generally safe, some potential risks include:

- Artery damage or rupture (rare but possible).
- Bleeding or infection at the catheter site.
- Re-narrowing of the artery (restenosis), sometimes requiring additional treatment.
- Patients should follow doctor's advice on lifestyle changes like a healthy diet, exercise, and medications to prevent future blockages.

By using this revolutionary high-tech treatment, doctors can restore blood flow efficiently with minimal discomfort and downtime. As technology advances, laser angioplasty continues to improve heart health and provide safer alternatives.

(The writer is a consultant cardiologist at SP Medifort Hospital, T'Puram)

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Organ transplant for an HIV-positive patient conducted

SPARSH Hospital, RR Nagar has performed one of the state's first Retroviral-Positive Cadaveric Renal Transplants, saving the life of a 58-year-old patient. The patient was battling hypertension, chronic kidney disease (CKD) and was on hemodialysis (HD) since 2019, and retroviral disease since 2018. He had faced multiple rejections for renal transplants at various centres due to his HIV-positive status. After registration at the hospital, the patient underwent health evaluations and a cadaveric renal transplant, recently, marking a significant step forward in inclusive transplant programs for HIV-positive patients, who often face limited options for organ transplantation.

A Robotic Revolution

DR JV SRINIVAS

IMAGINE sitting in a clinic and wondering how orthopaedic surgeries take place. When you think of it, all that comes to mind would be the long incisions, many sutures, and extended recovery time. Robotics is transforming orthopaedic care so you can forget about all these painful procedures by cutting-edge technology to suit your body.

Robotics is not a one-size-fits-all approach. With a personalised approach, your doctor will be able to plan every cut and incision with an extreme level of precision which means smaller incisions and minimal tissue damage. But, how does this technology help your routine? You can return to your daily routine sooner post-surgery with this minimally invasive approach which provides healing with lesser postoperative pain and complications. Recovery doesn't mean healing alone, it is also based on getting back to your routine – to do things you enjoy which is possible only with a quicker recovery time. Robotics in surgery is more than a technological leap but a commitment to enhance your quality of life. If you need orthopaedic surgery, opt for technologically advanced robotics-based technique. Your health is our priority and we are here to help you take a step towards a brighter and healthier future.

(The writer is a lead consultant – orthopaedic and joint replacement at Aster RV Hospital, JP Nagar)

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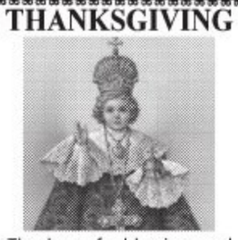

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Dhanveerrah's *Vaamana* gets a release date

Dhanveerrah

A still from the film

The film, directed by Shankar Raman and produced by Chetan Gowda, stars Reeshma Nanaiah as the female lead

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If things had gone according to plan, Dhanveerrah-starrer *Vaamana* would have released in theaters over a year ago. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the film was delayed for several months. The makers have finally set the release date for the much-anticipated film for April 10, 2025.

The buzz around *Vaamana* continues to grow, with the makers releasing tracks like 'Muddu Rakshasi' and 'Va Va Vamana', along with a teaser that has already gained significant traction. The songs have also raised expectations for the film.

Directed by debutant Shankar Raman, who also handles the story, screenplay, and dialogues. *Vaamana* features Reeshma Nanaiah, known for her roles in Eklavya, UI, and Baanadariyalli, marking her first on-screen collaboration with Dhanveeraah. Alongside the lead pair, the film's ensemble cast includes Tara, Sampath Raj, Aditya Menon, Avinash, Achyuth Kumar, Petrol Prasanna, Shivraj KR Pete, and Cockroach Sudhi in pivotal roles.

The film's music is composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, with V Nagendra Prasad penning the lyrics. Choreography is by Bhushan, and Mahendra Singh has handled the cinematography. The film is produced by Chetan Gowda under the banner of Equinox Global Entertainment.

Dhanveerrah's journey in the film industry began in 2019 with *Bazaar*, directed by Suni, followed by *By Two Love* directed by Hari Santhosh and *Kaiva* by Jayathirta. With *Vaamana* marking his fourth film, Dhanveeraah is set to unveil his transformation into a rugged, mass-action avatar.

PUNEETH RAJKUMAR'S DEBUT BLOCKBUSTER *APPU* TO RE-RELEASE ON HIS 50TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

'Get ready to relive the magic,' stated Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, who announced the re-release on a social media post

CE FEATURES

As a tribute to the late Puneeth Rajkumar, his debut film *Appu* is all set to re-release in theaters on March 14, 2025, to celebrate his 50th birth anniversary. This re-release marks a special occasion, giving fans the chance to relive the magic of the film that marked the beginning of Puneeth Rajkumar's iconic career.

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar took to social media to announce the re-release of Appu, writing, "Misunderstanding beda... Get ready to relive the magic. *Appu* returns to theaters in honor of Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar's 50th birthday." The announcement was met with excitement from fans and film lovers who continue to celebrate Puneeth Rajkumar's legacy.

Puneeth Rajkumar, fondly known as *Appu* by his family and fans, initially appeared as a child artist in films such as *Premada Kanike*. He earned recognition at a young age, winning the Karnataka State Award for Best Child Actor. However, it was with *Appu* that Puneeth made his debut as a leading actor in 2002, setting the stage for a successful career in Kannada cinema.

Produced by Parvathamma Rajkumar under the home banner Poornima Enterprises, *Appu* released on April 26, 2002. The film also marked the Kannada debut of Telugu director Puri Jagannadh and the debut of actress Rakshita. *Appu* became a massive hit, running for over 200 days in theaters across Karnataka.

The film's soundtrack, composed by Gurukiran, featured the popular track 'Taliban Alla Alla,' which Puneeth himself lent his voice to. Written by actor-director Upendra, the song became a chartbuster hit and remains a favourite among listeners.

RAKSHASA RELEASE POSTPONED DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES

Prajwal Devaraj

CE FEATURES

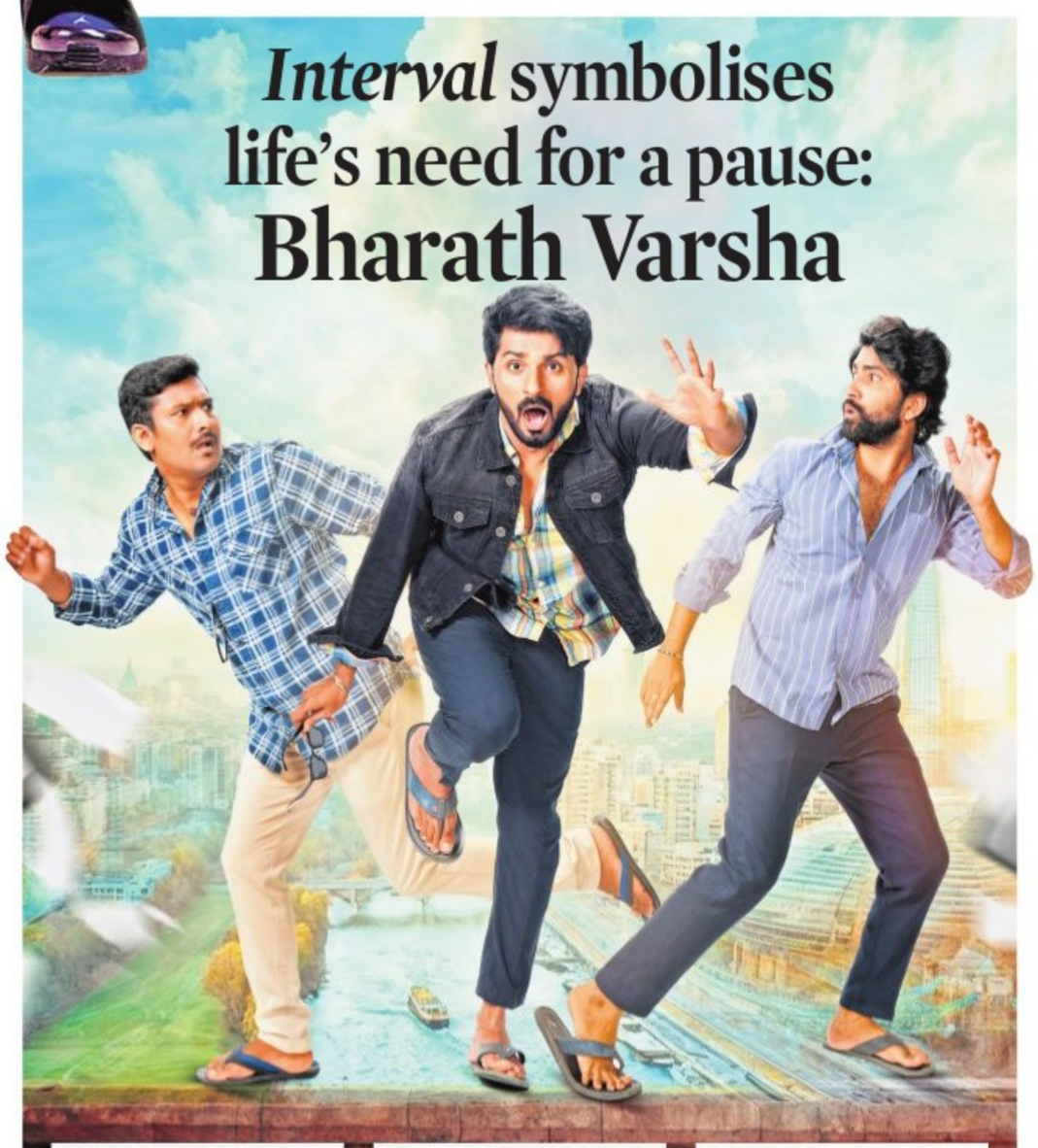
THE film, directed by Lohith H, marks Prajwal Devaraj's debut in the horror genre The release of Prajwal Devaraj-starrer *Rakshasa*, originally slated for Shivaratri, has been postponed. The film will now hit theaters on March 7.

Rakshasa, produced by Deepu BS through Shanvi Entertainment and co-produced by Naveen and Manasa K, faced technical difficulties, which led to the delay.

Known for his diverse roles, *Rakshasa* marks Prajwal Devaraj's debut in the horror genre. Directed by Mummy Save Me and Devaki director Lohith H, the film is a time-loop horror, with Sonal Monteiro playing the female lead. The film also features an ensemble cast including Shobhraj, Vatsala Mohan, Sidlingu Sridhar, and Arn Rathod.

The film's cinematography is by Jebin P Jacob, while Vinod has directed the action sequences. Music for the film has been composed by Ajaneesh Loknath. Around 80 per cent of the film was shot at Ramoji Film City, with additional scenes filmed in Bangalore, Rameshwaram, and Goa.

Interval symbolises life's need for a pause: Bharath Varsha



A SHARADHAA

In an industry where an *interval* is traditionally a mid-film break, an upcoming project is redefining this concept. Titled *Interval*, the film introduces a unique twist—becoming the first in Indian cinema to feature an *interval* within its trailer. This innovative move has sparked curiosity and anticipation ahead of its release on March 7.

Directed by Bharath Varsha, *Interval* features a story, screenplay, and dialogues penned by Sukhi. According to the director, the film offers a refreshing blend of comedy, romance, and real-life struggles. The film revolves around three engineering students — Ganesh S, Ganesh T, and Ganesh U (played by Shashiraj, Prajwal Kumar Gowda, and Sukhi), from a prestigious college in Bengaluru. According to the makers, these characters are set to provide the perfect balance of humour and heartfelt moments, which will resonate with audiences across all age groups.

Bharath Varsha expresses his excitement for the film, stating, "With the constant flow of cinema today, audiences often feel frustrated by the lack of true entertainment. We want to break that norm. In *Interval*, our goal is to keep viewers engaged every minute, delivering a complete cinematic experience. We are confident the film will surprise them."

Interval is rooted in the everyday lives of middle-class men, blending humor with the protagonist's misadventures. These lighthearted moments gradually build up to a pivotal turning point where responsibility takes center stage. Bharath Varsha explains, "The story doesn't have larger-than-life fights or VFX. It's about a man navigating life's challenges and learning the value of responsibility. The gags he once used as a shield become both a blessing and a curse."

Interval is a story that mirrors real life — one of growth, transformation, and the lessons we learn along the way. Sukhi elaborates, "The film speaks to people from all walks of life. It's about the crossroads we all face, whether it's an exam, moving away from home, or dealing with failure. Everyone comes to a point in life where they need a pause, and that's what the '*interval*' symbolises."

The film features Sahana Aradhya and Charitra Rao as the female leads. On the technical team, *Interval* has music by Vikash Vasishta, cinematography by Rajkanth SK, and editing by Shashidhar Puttegowda.

Bharath Varsha

Ravichandran returns to screen as a doting father in *Pyaar*

A still from the film

CE FEATURES

ACTOR-director Ravichandran, who was last seen in Ravi Bopanna is all set to return to the big screen. This time, he will be essaying the role of a father in Supreeth's upcoming directorial Pyaar, produced by Nagasri under the SM Productions banner. The film promises a heartfelt depiction of love, sacrifice, and the deep bond between a father and his daughter.

Joining Ravichandran in this emotional journey are newcomers Bharath and Rashika Shetty, who play the lead roles. Sharing his thoughts on the project, Ravichandran stated, "I was approached by the team for this role in the film, and I felt their love and passion for the project. It is because of this love that I decided to be a part of Pyaar. The movie poignantly captures the essence of true love and the sacrifices it demands. I play the female lead's father, and it is a role that is dear to my heart. As an actor, I trust director Supreeth to shape my performance in this role."

Producer Nagasri expressed her joy at having Ravichandran onboard, saying, "It's a dream-come-true moment for me to have Ravi sir in our film. I came into the film industry with aspirations of directing, and having such a legendary actor in our project is an honour. His portrayal of a father will surely resonate with the audiences, making this a film that families can cherish together."

Pyaar has already completed 80 per cent of its shooting. Director Supreeth emphasised the unique angle of the story, stating, "We wanted to explore the depth of the relationship between a father and daughter. In Pyaar, the daughter's love and sacrifice for her father becomes the cornerstone of the plot. We're incredibly proud of how the film is shaping up."